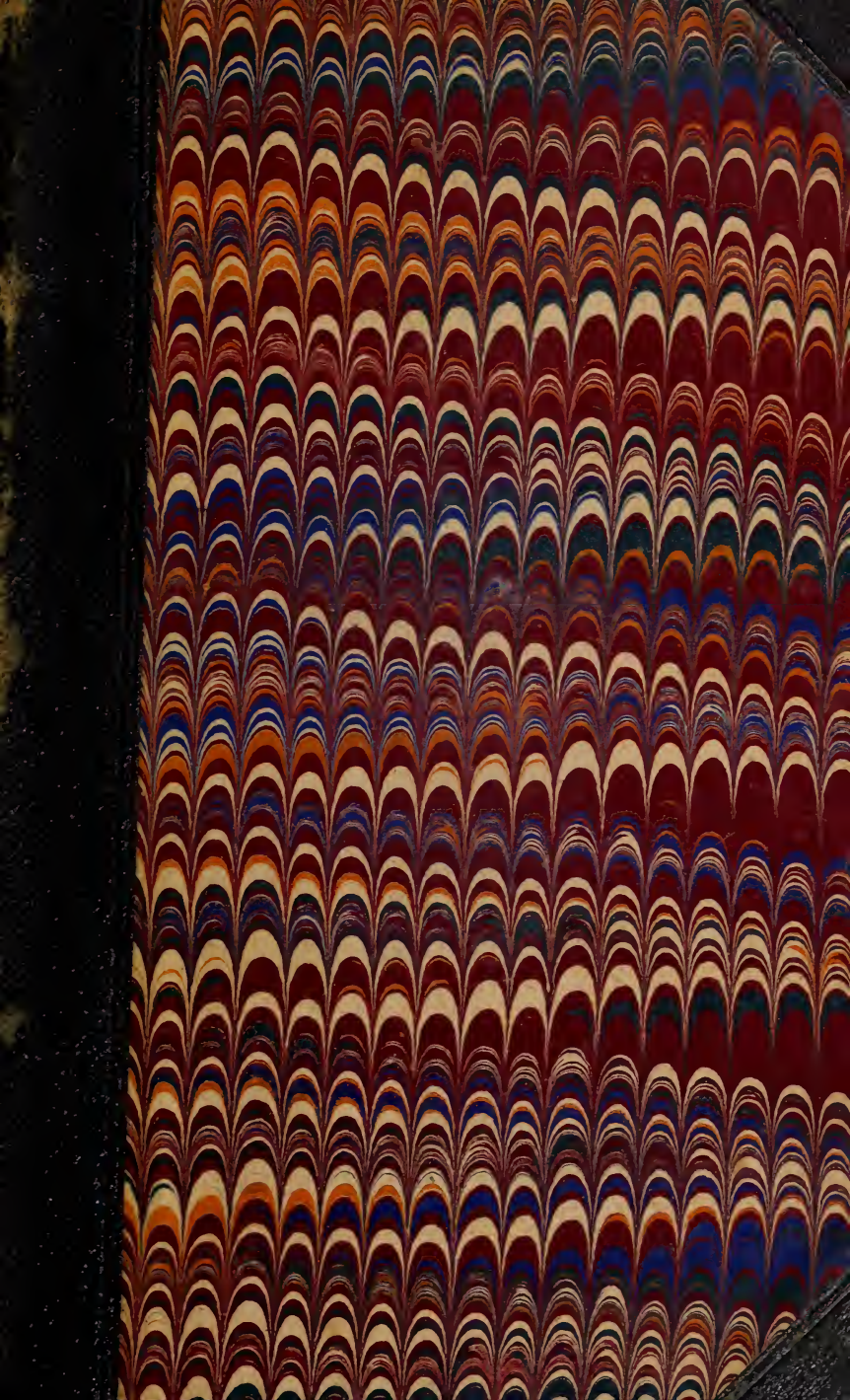

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One of the most gratifying items we have received from our missionaries in India, is the extract of Miss Ward's letter in the "Home Department," mentioning the visit of warm friends of our Society in Calcutta. Nothing could be more stimulating to our energies, than the knowledge that those who have labored with us from our earliest organization, have seen some of the results of their work of faith, and have been satisfied that it was worth all their efforts and sacrifices. May many of our supporters be able, by personal investigation, to testify to the benefits of our Mission, and some of our Band members be led to give themselves to the great cause!

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

REPORTS FROM OUR MISSIONARIES.

INDIA--Calcutta.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Lathrop.

WEIGHTY RESPONSIBILITIES.

March 6, 1873.—I have lately visited a number of our schools; among them one fine school numbering forty-four pupils, is taught by a zenana woman. She is learning English herself, not to teach the girls in school, as we cannot keep them long enough

for a proper training in their own language even, but she seems to think an English education the most desirable attainment possible ; so, although grey-headed and with failing eyesight, she plods on. She says she believes the Bible, but, like too many of the others we teach, her faith in Hindooism is stronger; although to the children under her care she gives instruction in all our religious books. Some of the elder girls have finished the first Catechism, and are in the second. The last day I visited the school, when I came near the house I heard the children singing one of their little Christian songs. It was formerly considered improper for girls to sing, this being the special prerogative of "Nautch" (or dancing girls). I think contact with Christians and mission work have put to flight this idea, and the children, though having small capabilities for real music, enjoy singing exceedingly.

A second woman is learning in the house in which this school is held. She is an intelligent woman. We read together a chapter in John's Gospel; and as I tried with my poor stammering "Bengali" tongue, to explain it to her, she caught my meaning quickly, and her whole countenance lighted up so, she looked really pretty. She assented to all I said, but thought if God was so good and loved us so well, He surely would not wish to punish us. It seems hard for weak sinful nature to believe in the justice, as well as the love of God. It looks a small thing to go on in disobedience of His plain commands through our life, but an enormity that He should at last punish transgression. There are many beside the poor heathen who view things in this light, and whose condemnation will be deeper, as their sin has been against greater knowledge. I feel an intense pity for all these poor deluded people; but I cannot see why, when they seem convinced there is no truth in their gods, they still worship them and withhold their hearts from the Saviour.

One day, as I was on my way to visit some zenanas, I called on a woman I had formerly taught, who is very ill, and who appeared to me very near her end. She is a woman who at one time seemed to me "almost convinced." Her little girl fell from the roof of a house and was carried home for dead, and the mother told me she prayed to "my God," and He gave her child life again. The

latter part of the time I visited the house, she rather avoided any conversation on religion ; her daughter-in-law even talked more freely when she was not present. She was so very ill the other day, that I only said a few words to her. She told me she thought of what had been taught her, and did pray as she lay there. Ours is a responsible work, and eternity alone will reveal whether we might have used more effectual means for bringing souls to a knowledge of the Saviour.

In another house I have visited, in this same locality, two young girls are learning, and two others come from an adjoining zenana to learn with them. The house has not been open long, but the mother of one of the little girls was a pupil of Miss Hook some years ago. She died a few months since, and her mother-in-law brought her work and her books to show me, saying her daughter-in-law loved to learn, and was a good woman, kind to everyone. I tried to find out from the old lady, if she ever said anything about our religion, but I could not learn anything decided.

A GLIMPSE OF WORK.

[Communicated by the Philadelphia Branch.]

The number of our pupils decreased during the rainy season, and, for some time after the close of the rains, did not reach its maximum. Last month's list, however, was quite as high as that of the cool season, 830, exclusive of the Foundling School. We have eleven missionaries now giving, each day, zenana and school instruction. One lady's time is fully taken up with the Orphanage, while another lives at the Foundling Home, devoting a part of her time to the children there, and in the afternoon visiting the zenanas. I had the pleasure of taking three ladies from Brooklyn to see what we were doing. They have always been very much interested in our "Home," and in our special work. First, we went to the "Hospital," then to the "Foundling," where we found sixty girls in their sewing room, where seven sewing machines were working, while those girls not operating them, were sitting finishing work by hand. They all looked so clean and happy, that it did one's heart good to see them. In a year or two, at most, if they continue to improve, we will have a good class of Bengali teachers from among them for our zenanas.

Next, we went to a school in one of our poor-houses, taught by

a zenana woman. The school numbers about thirty-five, and as the space is too small for many benches, most of the children were sitting huddled together on a piece of matting laid on the floor. They sang for us, "There is a happy land," in Bengali; repeated the Ten Commandments and Bible verses, and answered questions, showing they understood what they said. They repeated also, the Lord's Prayer, all standing with their eyes closed and heads bowed. It was a touching sight—all these children repeating the words of Jesus, with solemnity and feeling.

From there we went to the residence of one of the wealthier natives of Calcutta. The woman, our pupil, has learned a long time; and reads well both in English, and her own language. She makes not the slightest objection to the Bible and religious teaching, often showing real feeling on the subject,—yet her heathen superstitions have a firm hold. She was much gratified at my bringing strangers to call upon her; and said if she had known we were coming, she would have invited some of her friends to meet us. She showed us her family jewels with great pride. I had never before seen them, and was astonished at the amount of diamonds and precious stones they had hoarded up. It was sad to contrast the squalor and wretchedness close to them, with all this wealth lying useless. A young man, a member of this family, lately returned from England, where he had been studying for a barrister. His friends refused to receive him to their homes, unless he underwent severe penance, to regain caste lost by association with Christians; rather than do them, he drowned himself.

Next we visited another residence of a wealthy Babu, arranged more in the native style—the women's apartments at the remotest part of the house, low and dingy. To get there we had to pass through an almost endless number of winding passages and empty rooms. In one of the latter, the women had just taken their breakfast, and the huge plantain leaves which had served as plates, were lying about the floor, and the whole place littered with the remnants of rice and curry—looked as untidy as possible. The women read beautifully to us in English, a chapter in Bible stories about David. I led one to speak of Christ—David's descendant—who she said, was the Saviour of the world. I said,

"Bo, do you believe this?" she hung her head and replied, "Christians believe it, I cannot quite."

Lastly, we went to a miserable hovel, where the widow of a Coulin Brahmin lived in one tiny room with her mother and sisters. She was old when she commenced learning; consequently, it has been very hard for her to master the rudiments. Now she is reading the Bible, which we have every reason to believe she dearly loves.

INSPECTION OF A NATIVE TEACHER'S SCHOOL.

I have been out to-day with Shorelatta to her work. The houses in which she daily gives instruction, are four or five miles from the Mission Home. She, in company with many of the teachers, go out to that region in an omnibus, which they leave at some convenient point on the broad street, and visit among the lanes until night, when the conveyance takes them home. The first house I visited in company with Shorelatta to-day, was a very large one, having every appearance of a prosperous Bengali family. The women did not make their appearance for a few moments after our entrance, and when they came, were loaded with jewels. One small girl had a band of filigree gold work around her head, with a fringe of gold and glass beads hanging on her forehead, and a band of the same passed from the middle of the forehead to the back of the head. A young woman wore a "saree" of purple, richly embroidered with gold stars, with a deep border of the same—jewels enough to weigh her down; among the most conspicuous, a nose ring one and a half inches in diameter with rubies and pearls strung on it. I found them well taught, and very fond of their teacher; interested in our religion, and wishing books, that they might read for themselves about it. I promised to send them "Bible Stories," for which they gave me the money.

The next house was a perfect contrast to this; it was small, dark, and dirty. There was no chair to sit on; nothing but a rickety stool, and the women did not even have mats to spread down for their own seats, but brought in small pieces of board, and laid them on the stone floor to sit on. Shorelatta had three unmarried pupils between ten and five. The elder was reading in Bengali, wrote a nice hand, but was not pleased with work. The others were learning words of one syllable. I found the elder one

had understood what she read. I took with me a picture book, and as soon as she heard the names of the animals, she commenced an animated description of them, which she had read in her book with Shorelatta. I sat a long time with them, telling them Bible stories, and I think the oldest one will not soon forget. She was so eager to take in every word, that she forgot her shyness of a stranger, and crept closer and closer, until she was just at my feet peering up into my face, with all her soul in her most expressive black eyes.

Shorelatta is a bright, pleasant teacher ; and I trust a good Christian woman. It is no easy thing to be a native teacher in Calcutta, for besides the labor of teaching, there are miles of walking to be done each day. At this season of the year, it is pleasant to be out ; but the greater part of the year the broiling sun and the severe rains make it very disagreeable.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Chase.

PLEASANT CONTRAST.

I have now forty-five pupils under my care, twenty-eight of whom form an interesting little school. Some of my pupils have been taught a year, yet beyond an intellectual improvement, there is in the majority of instances, little change perceptible. An open profession of Christianity by a zenana woman, is a very rare occurrence. Yet this fact, however, is no real cause for discouragement, as our field of labor, is in many respects different from that of any other missionary society. Every new zenana we enter is a fresh mission field, and we must begin our teaching with the story of the Creation.

I cannot tell you how pained I have been to find these poor women so degraded and ignorant, and, yet, evidently so sincere in their devotion to their false gods ; while their husbands, brothers and sons are often highly educated, even occupying positions of influence, and in some instances even believing intellectually in the Christian religion. A short time since, I had a long conversation with the wife of a Professor in one of the government schools in this city. She seemed to have lost all faith in idolatry ; for unlike the majority of Bengali women, she was too thoughtful and intelli-

gent to be satisfied with a religion which can bring no peace to the soul; but as she was unable to read, and had never been taught the "Gospel of the grace of God," she knew not what to believe. As I sought to unfold to her darkened mind God's plan for the redemption of the world, she listened with deep interest, and expressed her assent to my words, and her gratitude in receiving my instructions. In pleasing contrast to this sad case, I will give you a brief account of a woman, whom I have been teaching only a few months. On my first visit, I was amazed at her proficiency in Bengali, and knowledge of the Scriptures; but my surprise was very much increased, on learning that her instructor was her husband. Another thing which particularly pleased me, was the respect and tender regard which this Babu showed for his wife. She is, however, an unusually lovely character. For some time she has appeared to delight in the study of God's word; and I now entertain the hope that she is at heart a Christian. A short time since, as I was giving her a Bible lesson, she said, "The joy which fills the soul from a consciousness of sins forgiven, is greater than any other joy; who can describe it?" Then in a simple, childlike manner, she related how she had been led to see herself a sinner, and her need of a Saviour; and going to Jesus, in Him had found rest and peace. There are many discouragements in connection with the work; but sometimes our Heavenly Father graciously permits us to see that He is working with us.

ANSWERS TO INQUIRIES.

I have been asked if the zenanas of India were as wretched as they are described, and can safely say, many houses of the poor in America, are palaces in comparison with the homes of nine-tenths of the Bengali women. I have only been in two zenanas that were as comfortable as any of our prisons. I have been asked by some of my friends, if the accounts given by the missionaries are not exaggerated. I reply to all such inquiries, I must say that I think there is a tendency to soften, rather than color the picture of wretchedness, which idolatry must ever present to those who witness its effects upon the character and lives of its devotees. I confess that the more I learn of the debasing systems of idolatry that extend throughout this land, the more I am shocked by dis-

closures of crime and misery. The reason why missionaries do not write more minutely in regard to many of the heathen customs, is that they are too vile and heart-sickening to record. Truly "the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty." I have been especially asked for information with reference to early marriages. I am happy to say there is a great improvement among the natives in this respect. I was told a short time since by one of my pupils, that a few years ago it was the common practice for parents to give their daughters in marriage when only three or four years of age; but, that now, as they are becoming more enlightened, they do not select husbands for them until they are eight or ten years old.

Extracts of Letters from Mrs. Page.

VARIED PUPILS.

The native teacher, Raj Kishorie, teaches in two of my zenanas, and seems to be liked by the women. In one of these places, a little girl of about nine, and her mother, learn. The child has just begun the Third Bengali Reader, and is rather a smart scholar. She can write a short dictation from the same book, and has just learned to do sums in addition. She pays attention to all I tell her. I give her short Bible lessons from the "Peep of Day," and she repeats the catechism to me also. This child's mother often speaks very lovingly of her. One day she said, "I do not know what we should do in this house without Shurott, she takes care of the youngest children, and looks out for everything." Sometimes on going in unexpectedly, I have found Shurott, sitting on the floor, with the baby in her lap, and a slate in her hand, trying to put the child to sleep, and to do her sums, all at one time.

Shurott's mother, reads the Bible with us, she has gone through the New Testament, as far as the Acts of the Apostles, and is now beginning to be very much interested in the Epistle to the Romans, often pausing to exclaim: "How true!" This woman is so sensible, that I cannot believe she has any faith in idols. You would be pleased, I am sure, with her bright intelligent face, and pleasant manners.

Two little girls learn in Raj Kishorie's next zenana. One of

them is such a wild little thing, she often runs away, just as her teacher is announced, and then it is not very easy to find her. Her mother has not the least control over her. She has been married lately, though she is only ten years old. Her mother came to me once, complaining that she had never before seen such an undignified little wife as her daughter; at another time, she surprised me with the request, that I would chastise the child well, and make her bright. A Brahmin widow, who was a servant in this house, used to learn with me also. This is the only instance I know of, in a Hindoo house, of a servant being allowed to learn to read. They generally think that reading and writing can be of no use to any woman, especially one who occupies a menial position. I have often heard such remarks as this: "You wish to learn how to read?" "Are you going to become a Christian?" To-day, a woman and a stranger said to me: "You Christians never can be like us, you do not perform the meritorious acts that we do; you never go to the Ganges, and wash away all your sins there. Though our skins are so dark, and yours so fair, still we are purer than you, when we return from the river." I told her that the Ganges only washed away the stains on the body, but could never cleanse the soul—God alone will do that, through the blood of His dear Son. She turned impatiently away, and I saw her no more after this.

THOUGHTS OF DEATH.

A young widow also learns with the children, but as she has lately lost her mother, she must not study for a month, nor wear clean clothes; yet she comes and talks to me sometimes, and assures me she will learn again when the month of mourning is over. Some weeks ago, one of my women informed me of the death of a very aged woman, a neighbor of hers: "But," added she, "we did not mourn her loss at all, on the contrary, it was a matter of great rejoicing when she died, for she was so old, that really it was quite time that she should depart." It seemed so strange to hear her talk in that way.

Another time while I was out, a funeral procession passed, and I heard two Mohammedans talk about it. "Somebody gone to his own house," they said; but they meant the *grave*, not Heaven,

and the "rest that remaineth for the people of God." Near Kaminee's school, is a zenana where I teach. The woman there has such a fear of touching me by any chance. She throws her work into my lap, and lays her book down at my feet. A widow there once said to her, "Who are you afraid of? We shall all become the same sort of dust when we die." "Yes," I added, "but our souls will live forever," and then I spoke to her for some time on the subject, and she seemed much interested, the widow also listening very attentively.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Ward.

A DAY'S VISITING.

I have just returned from visiting some houses taught by our native teacher, Hope. She is a good teacher, for I know her work is well and faithfully done. In the first house the pupil is the wife of a merchant; she is now about twenty-two years of age, and until within the last few months she has known nothing of reading and writing. Her husband was anxious for her to learn to read, as the Babus like to say, "*my wife can read*," but it was not until after she had mastered the first and second books that he gave his consent to her learning to write; now she has commenced and made commendable progress. Hope daily, besides the secular studies, gives her a lesson in "Bible History," which is a very good translation of Barth's Bible Stories—a book we use now a great deal among our older pupils, instead of "Peep of Day," or "Line upon Line." As I go weekly and examine this woman and talk to her about God and the Saviour, she tells me she does believe, but that she must worship as her forefathers have done, and as her husband tells her to now.

Just opposite this, is the house of a doctor, whose wife is taught by Hope, and she is a woman I have been particularly interested in, because she seems to love her Bible lesson so much. She has two lovely children, one a boy of eight, and a girl of three. The boy often comes in during his mother's lesson, and fixing his large dark eyes upon us, seems to drink in every word. Oh! that some seed may take root, and spring up unto everlasting life. There seems to be a particular affection between this mother and her son. He is so anxious that she should appear to

advantage that he often stands at her elbow and prompts her while reciting, so that she may not miss. Hope teaches, besides the common branches in Bengali, plain and fancy work, which is her forte, and the women under her care improve rapidly. The dress of the women of this country requires but few stitches, but the Babus often wear garments requiring much sewing. This woman has made her little children some long coats, cut very much like a gentleman's shirt, reaching below the knees, and they begin to show some skill in the use of the needle. Her teacher, probably, cut them for her, and from day to-day sewed beside her, but it will not be long before she is able to do this herself, and it is much better than to sit idle, and gossip, or play cards, which custom, I am sorry to say, has found its way into many zenanas.

In the next house, three women, aged between sixteen and twenty, brought their books and slates; and I could not but think, what an influence such a person as Hope might exert, spending an hour each day with them. In this house the men feel so great a dislike to the Bible and its teachings, that they allow their wives to read, only upon the condition they shall have one Bible lesson a week with the lady, and that Miss Chase gives faithfully. While the Bos were reading, two little children were playing near their mother, and often disturbed her, while she was bending over her writing. A little one had a small piece of looking-glass, which had been given to secure fruit, and he was continually putting it up before his mother's face, saying, "Mamma, look at your face!" Another had a box of nuts, which he would rub over her slate, trying to persuade her to eat, and at last finding she was too much interested to pay attention to him, he began, in a playful way, firing at her. Although there is much love to children, on the part of the mother, there is but little government. You see these poor women have much to overcome in learning so late in life. I had visited this house before, and now could not but notice the improvement in the cleanliness of the women and also in their manners. They gave me the chair to sit upon, while the others sat upon the bed or on large footstools. One, in her earnestness over her sum, seemed to forget, for a moment, that a lady was

there, and suddenly both feet were crossed under her, in what to her was the most natural way, but which would have been quite impossible for me.

I was so much pleased with the work in this third house. The mother of the two mischievous children, brought a shirt she was making for her husband, which was more than half done, and wanted Hope to show her how some seam was to be joined. What she had sewed was neatly done. Another Bo brought out a little worsted cap she had finished, to the great delight of the little one, that could just lisp out, "that is my cap, that is my cap," and when I showed pleasure at her industry, she brought out, piece after piece, little socks, embroidered slippers, etc.

In the next house, the Bo was eating (as it was at an earlier hour than usual, that the teachers visited her), so she would not come near us, but standing at a distance made her salaams, and called to us to go to her room and wait. I had no time for that, so we bade her good-bye, Hope telling her she would come again in another hour.

In the fifth house, two children were learning, one about six, and a married woman of thirteen or fourteen. The smaller one is a bright little thing, reading in the second book, but the Bo has not much love for study; only does it because her husband wishes, consequently she makes but slow progress. She has been studying about two years, and is only reading in the third book now, but she likes to talk, and seems to enjoy Hope's visits Her husband was educated in one of the missionary colleges in Calcutta, and is very anxious his wife should learn. I sometimes think he gets out of all patience with her dullness, but as a general thing, he seems very fond and indulgent. It is no wonder to me, that sometimes we find those who do not care to learn. The poor women are so secluded that there is but little to stimulate their curiosity, and but few have any hope of ever being able to see much outside of their own walls. Hope has just taken a new house—her sixth—as the little girl of nine or ten years, she has been teaching in a lane called Scott's Zully, is about to be married, and she could learn but little with her mind so occupied. She can read, and has some knowledge of the Bible.

Whether she reads with us afterwards or not, will depend upon her husband's relations. We can only leave her with God, praying Him, that as she grows older she may see her folly of idol-worship, and remember what she has been taught about Him. Will you, dear friends, make Hope and her pupil the subject of earnest prayer.

Extract of Letter from Miss Seelye, M.D.

(Communicated by Philadelphia Branch.)

Last night a Babu who has visited me once or twice with his wife and child, was here. I had asked him previously about his religious belief, and he had declared himself a Hindu. He said, however, that he was not a worshipper of idols; that he believed in one God, that he occasionally prayed to Him, and that he sometimes read the Bible. He thought the Christian religion was a very good one, but he could not understand how there could be atonement through the blood of Christ.

At another time when I was talking with a little Ayah about her soul's welfare, she buried her face in her hands, and began sobbing, saying, "It is a long time since any one has spoken to me about Christ. I had a mistress once who used to read the Bible to me and teach with me, but now no one ever does, and I don't know much about those things." When I asked her if she would like to come to learn, her face brightened, and she seemed very happy. It is a great pleasure and privilege to be able to turn the gratitude of these poor people away from the apparent giver, to the real author of all good. Many a time have I been told, "You are our mother, you care for us and are kind to us." One woman carried the idea so far, that I never could obtain a satisfactory answer to a question. She would invariably say, "You are my mother, you should know."

I have at present under my care a very interesting native, woman, to whom I am in hope, through the blessing of God, of doing much good while we are together. She is staying with some relatives in the city, so as to be under my care. She is very uncomfortably situated, and of course anxious to get well as soon as possible, so as to return to her own house. She says there is so much noise in the street, and her room at

present is so small and close, that she cannot sleep at night. The house itself is bad enough, and the road to it is something terrible. After leaving the main streets, we pass through a gulley so narrow, that the wheels of the brougham on one side just escape a deep gutter, while on the other they nearly grate against the sides of the houses. The other day I thought my driver would crush a woman between the side of the house and the carriage. I did not know she was there until her scream attracted me, and looking up I saw her between the wheels, holding tight around her, her one garment, to prevent its being caught and pushing herself close to the wall. I shouted to the driver to stop, but it was no use, the wheel rolled in front of her, and certainly must have grazed her skin, so close did it pass. I shut my eyes in horror for the moment, and then looking back saw the woman laughing half triumphantly. Passing out of this dark gulley, we were in front of Keshub Chunder Sen's, the great Brahmo Somaj leader. His is a large white house, very nice and clean in its outward appearance, and as there are always two or three carriages in front of the door, I concluded he had plenty of visitors. Turning two or three more sharp corners, we came in front of a small opening intended for a doorway, in a high brick wall. Leaving the carriage, we entered; the air seemed entirely changed, and was most cool and damp. Passing through an open space, and under another long dark passage that compelled us to stoop as we walk, we came into an open court. Here are the stables, and a cow and calf were devoting themselves to their fodder. One servant was scouring the brass cooking utensils, and another was preparing for fuel cakes of cow manure. A verandah ran half way around the court, and up to this a flight of brick steps, broken and narrow, lead. Entering at the right hand through another small door, we were in the room with a patient and two children. Besides this door there are two small windows, one opening on the verandah, and the other into the first little court, through which we passed. No furniture was in the room, but some cotton mats spread upon the floor, with pillows at one end and a mosquito net above, show where the bed was. There was nothing to do but to sit down on the floor, so we did this as quietly and easily as possi-

ble. On entering into conversation with the Bo, she said that in Hourah she had a dear friend, who was a native Christian, and that this friend used often to come and teach with her. She added, I believe in one God, and that He made everything, and I often pray to Him; but I do not believe any more, because I do not know any more." I asked her if she would like me to bring my Bible and read to her. She was much pleased with the idea, saying, "I am happy always when you are here, and I think I am going to get well, but when you go away, then I am disconsolate. I wish you would come every day."

Our children's hospital is succeeding very well, and government has been pleased to give us a Grant-in-aid of 150 rupees per month for the next year. The viceroy's daughter has sent us nearly two dozen shirts and jackets for the children, with the wish expressed that whenever we want anything we will let her know.

ALLAHABAD.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Wilson.

MISSION EXPERIENCE IN CAMP LIFE.

We have concluded to go out with some friends of the Presbyterian Mission, and try camp life for a few days. All the missionaries who can do so, are in the habit of going into the country, in the cool season, living in a tent, and moving from place to place, and in this way seeing and preaching to many, who never come in contact with the Gospel. It is not safe or practicable for us to go without any gentlemen; but as there was a large party of gentlemen and their wives and children, we thought it a very good opportunity for us to go out and see their work.

Crossing the Jumna river, and about four miles away from it, we found our tents pitched in a grove of mango trees, and everything very pleasant. We visited with Mrs. Kellogg and her Bible woman, a girl's school in a small Mahomedan village, and were joined on our way by Mr. Brodhead and Mr. Kellogg, who were on their way to a boy's school in the same street. We went in and heard them talk to the boys for a few minutes. They could read and repeat many passages in their books, but when they were questioned on the very simplest questions in Geography, they

could not give a correct answer about anything except the length of rivers or the height of mountains. When the copy of Euclid was taken up, it seemed impossible for two or three that were learning it, to make mistakes. After the missionaries had talked to them about their books for a time, they told them of the true wisdom that is of more value than all the learning of schools. The boys listened with great attention, for it was probably the first time they had ever heard of it. We went over to see the girl's school, and found the building was of mud, with one wooden door facing the street, and merely an opening in the wall on the opposite side. The only attempt at furniture was a dirty piece of gunny cloth to sit upon. Two native plows were stored in one side of the room. Some chairs and bamboo stools were brought in, and placed for us to sit upon ; and some of the girls brought their books and read to us. I wish very much that their little village was on the line of the railroad, that I could visit it occasionally, for I would try and teach them in a better manner. They seemed intelligent, and very willing to learn ; but they are very much neglected. You would have thought them very peculiar looking, with the great rings and fan-shaped jewels hanging from their noses.

In the evening we visited another neighborhood, and talked to the women, great crowds collecting to hear the Bible women sing and talk. Yesterday several hundreds came over to hear the Melodeon, but they were all men and boys. They stood, or sat very quietly for several hours, and would have spent the day apparently, if Mr. Kellogg had felt able to keep up the exercises. He would read and explain the hymns, and Catechists would sing it, and he would play the air. I trust that some of them may have heard the Truth, and it may do them good. They seem less disposed to dispute and laugh, than those who hear the street preaching in the city. The head man of the little village on the opposite side from the Mahomedan neighborhood, has been to hear the preaching several times, and says he will go to Allahabad to see the missionaries at their own homes. Some of these Tunandars are very wealthy, and can do much to make life either comfortable or miserable to the few that are under his immediate influence ; as there are no European residents near to interfere, and the people will bear much

before they will appeal to a magistrate. No doubt many crimes go unpunished, because the women of this land would rather die than appear in a public court.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Caddy.

PUBLIC CONFERENCE.

The General Missionary Conference, held in Allahabad, has proved so successful that it has been decided to hold one every two years; missionaries from the most distant parts of India feel repaid for the journey and expense of attending. I am sure we shall all go to our work with renewed energies to live and labor for Christ. May He fill our hearts with burning love and zeal in His service.

BRIGHT HOPES IN TEACHING.

Among some of my pupils who seem near to the kingdom of God, are Bama and her mother. They are the women whom I met in a neighbor's house, and who were so interested in Christianity. Their interest has in no way diminished. The more Christian books I give them the better satisfied they are. They were taught by some of our ladies before I came up, and speak of them with great affection. They have been learning of me not quite three months. To illustrate how interesting they are, I will tell you what they have done in that time. I gave them the First Catechism, a small book of seventeen pages, and a Text Book of eleven pages. They have nearly learned the Catechism for the second time, and are on the last pages but one of the Text Book. They began Barth's Bible Stories at the same time, and are now reading the History of Joseph. When they read as far as the History of Abraham, and fully understood that Christ was born of Abraham's seed, I began to read the History of Christ from the Gospels. They now read from Matt. vii. The mother is so anxious to catch every word, she will not permit any one present to speak on any other subject. She constantly says: "How simple Christ's words are. I can understand them all." One day while speaking of the necessity of keeping the Sabbath, and what a blessing it is, Bama and her mother proposed that they should keep it by preparing their

religious studies for me on that day. The roof of their house is shaded by a Neem tree, and there they spend their leisure hours, preparing their lessons or doing fancy work. I often think of them on Sundays, and wonder whether they are learning of Christ. Will you also follow them with your prayers, that Christ will reveal Himself unto them?

I took them some English flower seeds, and they have sown them in little round places they prepared in the corners of the roofs, and are watching the sprouting of them with great interest..

DEATH OF A PUPIL.

Two weeks ago one of my dear pupils died. She had a little girl called "Shushela," and according to the usages of the country, we called the Bo, "Shushela's mother." She began to read with me in January, as the family have only been a few months in Allahabad. Her husband twice put a stop to my going there, for fear of her becoming a Christian, but she cried and begged so hard that he relented, and she sent word to me to continue my visits. I cannot tell how far she believed; she was always deeply interested in the way of salvation, through Christ. She was simple-minded, painfully timid, and was entirely free from that deceit which is so discouraging in all Bengali women. She said one day in her simple surprised way, "Really, Mam Sahib, your Bible is very good; I had been brought up to think it very bad." I had so much hope for her that I used to picture her to myself as a true, earnest Christian, training up her children in the right way, and I prayed most earnestly, that these dreams might soon be realized. I had only been going to her once a week, but was so much encouraged by her earnestness that I had made some changes in my work, so as to go to her on Thursday, telling her I would be with her on Monday. That day they said the Bo was ill, and would not read. There is a great deal of small-pox and fever in the city, and I was not surprised, and would have gone in to see her; but the Babus were taking their breakfast in the verandah, directly opposite her door, and I did not wish to annoy them. The next day I heard that the native teacher had found the Bo very ill. I wanted to go to her at once, but was persuaded to sit down to breakfast,

hoping to be able to stay longer with her afterwards. A few minutes after, Miss Seward came in, and said, that they had sent for her, but when she reached the door the Babu met her and told her that the Bo had just expired. They had had a doctor in attendance, but just at that time he was engaged in the hospital. God alone knows how it is with the poor woman's soul; I cannot but hope that He led her to Himself, and has taken her home to be with Him. But, oh! what a lesson this is to us, to be faithful in giving the message of the Gospel to the heathen. If we could only realize fully the value of every soul that Christ died for.

LOVE FOR CHRIST.

Miss Hook has a pupil who has been ill for more than a month, and it is very doubtful whether she can recover. I go with her sometimes to see her, and feel greatly cheered, for the Bo is a sweet trusting Christian. She is very reserved, and it is not easy to know how she feels really regarding Christianity. She always showed deep interest, but now while she lies in bed she speaks more freely. I shall never forget the first time we went to see her, after we heard she was ill. She was one who could not continue reading when we began to go out in early morning. We asked her whether she remembered God and prayed to Him, as she lay there. She replied, "that she prayed to Him all the time." And when we further asked, whether she prayed in Christ's name, she seemed surprised and said, "Yes, He is the *only* Saviour." She then drew a little Text Book from under her pillow, and said, "that she loved to read it, and had read it through again and again." When we questioned her further about Christ, we were surprised to find how well she remembered her lessons. She was perfectly familiar with His history, and spoke of Him with great affection. Every time I have been to see her since, she says, "her mind is at peace, and God is very near." We cannot tell how many "hidden ones" God may have among our pupils. They are constantly changing, and often they go to distant parts of the country, and we never see or hear of them again.

May I ask your prayers for this afflicted child of God, and also poor little motherless Shushela and her two brothers. Poor

little girl, she will miss her mother's care, and the wilful little brother, with whom none but the gentle mother, had any patience. She used to be so particular about having Shushela neat and clean, now there will be no one to look after these things.

BURMAH—Bassein.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Higby.

INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIAN NATIVES.

Come, sit with me in this farm-house an hour or so, and you will never forget the scene. This village, Shack Tyoing, is on the Bassein River, one tide above Bassein. For two years, one of the best pupils in our school, was a young man from this village. After he first came to us, his grandmother and his father used to come every month, to see if he was well, and studying faithfully. I liked them very much, and often talked about visiting them, but my duties in the school have always prevented, until now.

Five brothers settled in this place about twenty years ago. Two of them became disciples, and were baptized by the dearly-beloved teacher, Abbott. His name is as sweet incense everywhere among the Karens. Two married Christian wives, and, though surrounded by heathen influences, have remained steadfast in the faith, and brought up their children to worship God. The oldest son of each family learned to read a little at home, and then came to Bassein to study, and last year went to Rangoon, to study in Dr. Binney's Theological School. They are fine young men, of good promise, and we hope will become native preachers. I never had a pupil make more rapid progress than one of the cousins. As soon as he could read, he began to teach his brothers and sisters and cousins, for there are sixteen children in these two families. They are miles from a church, and I can only believe that God's grace has kept them. The older brother was the only one that could read, and after he had taught his son and nephew, it began to be an old story; he had a house full of children, and it kept him busy to provide food for them. Three brothers had married heathen women, and though the men say they worship God, their works are not those of the children of light.

We long to see a Christian community grow up here ; but there is danger that they will grow up under Christian influences, and yet not become earnest followers of Jesus. My plan is, to send one of our dear young Bible-women to come and stay here a few weeks, to visit in these Christian families, to teach the heathen young women to sing and pray, and make them feel the beauty of a holy life. God crowns our feeble efforts in most cases. Here is the great need of woman's work in Burmah. Two young men, who have gone to Rangoon, are under the most Christian and refined influence ; but it is easy for the young men to go away from home, and when they come back, what will they find in their homes ? They have been improving—have seen the example of lovely Christian women, and have realized what happy homes are ; if they come back to find, as in this case, their sisters coarse and repulsive, and their homes devoid of comfort, it is very discouraging. If their sisters are improving too, and they join in their efforts to make their homes happy, how great the change. And then, in that nearer and dearer relation, to which of course they must look forward ; where shall they find wives who will be helpers and sympathizing friends ? I am determined that no effort on my part shall be wanting to make the young women equal in intelligence and civilization to their brothers and friends. But while it is easy to find boys willing to leave home, the girls are timid, and their parents unwilling to spare them. They often say, " O mamma, we wanted to go to study, but we feared you and we thought we could not leave our homes ; now, we have seen you, we are no longer afraid, we will follow you wherever you go." And their mothers are happier to let them go, if they put them, as it were, into my hand, and have my promise to look after them.

Ever since I came to Burmah, I have been hindered by scarcity of funds for boarding these girls. We have always been obliged to take only those who would go out as Bible-readers, until last year. Then we had nearly thirty girls, and I hope to have forty the coming season. I spent last Sabbath in a village where they promised me three girls, and I want two from this place.

Last night I was very tired, and retired early, but was waked up by a voice ; I listened, and found it the voice of prayer. One

old grandmother was praying for me on her bed ; and again, before light this morning, she was praying. After breakfast I had a short season of prayer with all the women we could collect. Some of the heathen women and children came in too. One young woman made a short prayer, to my great joy, for it is a cross to those unaccustomed to pray aloud, to begin. We teach all the girls to lead the women's meetings, so that they may feel at home. God is greatly blessing our efforts ; for, everywhere I go, I find young girls ready to study ; my heart is encouraged, and at the same time oppressed with care. It is such a responsibility to take these young girls from their parents, and to undertake to teach them. I often shrink from it, but the Master knows all, and in Him is our strength. I brought home seven young girls, who have never been in town before, and numbers more are ready to come. The first thing we do, is to send them to the well to bathe, and wash their hair, and give them a clean dress. Many of them hesitate to put on a clean dress, as it makes them so conspicuous, but they soon improve in habits of neatness; and these very girls, when they have children of their own, will keep them neat and clean. One dear young woman, who was married since I came here, just brought her sweet baby in. His skin is dark, but his eyes are so bright, his dimpled cheeks so clean, that I am sure you would love him. Thus, our efforts though feeble, are often crowned with success, and we work with hopeful hearts. Above all, we need earnest prayers, that the work of our hands may be established.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Lefevre.

WORK AMONG BURMANS.

My own work is in its infancy, so I can give little that is new or specially interesting in itself. The same stories have been told so often, that I may not venture to say much of it. "Female Education" is by no means warmly encouraged among Burmans, so we have to accept thankfully the material we can get. During the year just closed, we have had seventy-five pupils under our instruction, twenty-six of whom were boys, as we have had a primary class for boys ; the rest were girls, vary-

ing from the ages of four or five to twenty-four years. We have besides visited in all the homes of the pupils and many others, though I have kept no account of the number of such visits. Six hundred tracts have been distributed during the year to both men and women; then, too, we are scarcely a day without a visitor at the house; and frequently from two to ten, twenty, and even thirty, have called in going to or from some of their "pways." These pways or festivals are so frequent that we have many opportunities of meeting with a large company of people from the jungle as well as from town. One of their greatest festivals was held a short time since, which I used for an occasion of distributing tracts, and then I became so far acquainted with persons, as to ask them to call at the house, if they wished to talk about our religion. Yet we have had but few inquirers; most of those who come, do so out of curiosity. Just now I am having a visit from a most excellent Christian woman from Maulmain, the mother of my assistant teacher. She is quite happy to have such fine opportunities for conversing with the heathen, and we also go out to visit from house to house. Already she has visited with me or her daughter twelve or thirteen houses. I give these items to show we are trying to make the best use of our time outside of our regular school hours.

You can readily understand the difficulties which the Christians here encounter, especially the young men. The Burmans are fond of plays, dances, &c.—pways they are called—held almost daily, whether for funerals or weddings, or nothing at all. Take young men who have found pleasure in these, without sufficient, without any education, without books, without the many entertaining pastimes that young men enjoy in Christian lands, but with tastes still low and with little outward help, and though he learns to lisp the name of Christ, how feeble must be his best thoughts and feelings for a long time. Some, most indeed, of the Christians, continue to be "Babes in Christ." To me it seems that we have a secondary duty towards this people, in furnishing a literature and wholesome Christian amusements to take the place of all they leave on becoming Christians. I do not forget that the grace of Christ is our entire sufficiency; but the ignorant need helps. They have no

sweet home influences to quicken them to spiritual life, nothing but the blank, drear, heathen atmosphere to draw them back to their old habits. The Karens are fond of music, and can sing so well, that they are quite happy if they can spend their evenings in singing; but our Burman boys, that is, the Christian boys, have comparatively nothing.

CHINA—Peking.

Extracts of Letters from Miss North.

READING CLASS.

I have just dismissed my Reading Class, to which twenty came to-day, not counting three children too small to read. I am much pleased to see the great improvement in personal neatness in some of them. The mother of one of our little girls, who has attended Mrs. Schereschewsky's meetings and mine very steadily, and used to be so very filthy and disgusting, I think has learned by seeing our little girls so tidily kept, to be more careful. She told me to-day that she wished to be baptized, and wished us to do it. I advised her to wait awhile, as I fear her motive may not be altogether right, although I have been pleased with her earnestness in learning to read. The parents of our children have each begged leave to take their children home a few days, but we have not allowed it. I doubt if it is attended with more evil than good, for the children take what they have learned with them, sing our sweet hymns, and say their prayers. We know of one case where one of ours went home. Her aunt was so pleased with her evening and morning prayers, and her saying "grace" at meals, that she, too, wished to learn a prayer to say.

PERSECUTION FOR TRUTH.

The missionary work is going on very much as usual, with little occasion for special encouragement, yet no one has a right to be discouraged, for we have ever the same sure promises to inspire us. We occasionally hear of some case of persecution for righteousness' sake, which shows that the Prince of the World is somewhat alarmed for the prosperity of his kingdom; but such cases are as yet rare, at least in North China. As the Gospel

spreads farther and wider, there must doubtless be more or less opposition and persecution. We lately heard of a young bride, out in the country, who had heard the truth, and though she had but little instruction, her faith was so strong that her husband and mother-in-law could not, by beating her till she was insensible, force her to bow down to idols. When we last heard of her, her husband had threatened her life, and being a woman there is no law to protect her. Her case has excited much interest among us, that she may hold out to the end, and so testify to the power of the grace of God.

Some of the missionaries often make tours of several days into the surrounding towns and villages, taking testaments and other good books with them, as colporteurs do at home. We believe this is slowly acting as leaven, yet to all human appearances, it will be very long before the whole lump is leavened.

MISSIONARY DISCUSSIONS.

The regular bi-monthly missionary conference was held one evening lately at our house; the subject of discussion being the best mode of conducting schools. It is a matter of some doubt, how far to set aside Chinese school books and costumes, thereby increasing their prejudices against us. Their invariable habit of studying aloud, and very loud, has, I believe, never been interfered with anywhere. "Why not," was suggested the other evening. I think it a serious detriment to their vocal organs as singers. The want as yet of a suitable set of school books is sadly felt. Each missionary is busy with his own work, so the work of translation goes on very slowly. The works of Confucius are used in all the Mission and heathen schools, and may not be dispensed with, as our pupils must go abroad with a knowledge of their own books, in order to refute them. Confucius' system of morals is mainly very good, but a Christian commentary on some of his erroneous teachings is much desired. Such for instance, as the worship of ancestors and the propriety of untruth in certain cases, which last has doubtless had something to do with making the Chinese "a nation of liars." His golden rule we think comes quite short of our Saviour's in excellence. Confucius says, "Whatsoever ye would *not* have men do unto you, do ye not even so to them." There is some difference of opinion respect-

ing the utility of using the Romanized system, taking our alphabet to spell their words, so avoiding the use of the Chinese character, which is thought to be much more difficult, for those who learn to read late in life, and cannot expect to read extensively. It is a good deal used in South China.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATION.

New Year's day this year, was on January 29th, but the festivities, viz., the worship of ancestors, and fireworks, begin a week or more before, and last a month. They make much more of offering congratulations than we do, and some assert that the custom of making New Year's calls originated first with the Chinese.

URGENT WANT.

Miss Douw, our missionary to China, sends us the following urgent appeal for a consecrated heart and life for Peking:

"Day after day passes—day after day—and I find no lady fitted for the position who is ready to return with me to our work in Peking. Can it be possible that we must give up our station there for the want of two faithful laborers? Are there no Christian women ready to lay themselves as a living sacrifice on the altar of the Lord? Are there none fitted by education and previous training who have not immediate claims at home? None among the millions of America? not even two?—for present necessity. I cannot believe it, especially as hearts have been opened to give of their substance to the Treasury of the Lord, and funds are continually coming in for the purchase of our Home. It must be that the needs of our China mission have not been generally known, and that there are willing hearts and waiting hands somewhere, listening for the call which has not yet reached them.

"China, I know, is not in many respects so inviting a field as some, but as a friend said to me, 'Shall we not take our part in the discouragements of mission work?' Is it brave to turn away from difficulties? And is not the place of trial the post of honor to the Christian warrior as well as to the worldly one?

"But to those who study the signs of the times, are there not tokens of encouragement? What mean the intelligences which glimmer through the newspapers if they are not forerunners of brighter days? Why is it that thirty, some say sixty, young men

have come to this country to be educated? Why has the Emperor at last yielded to the demands of foreigners to admit the ambassadors of other countries into his presence? Are not the old barriers giving way, and must not superstition and prejudice finally fall before the advance of Christian civilization? Is not the fulfillment of prophecy drawing nearer year by year, and if we press forward under the banner of our Lord is not victory sure at last, though trials and temporary defeats may mark the onward progress?

"Springs of action lie deep and seed-thoughts germinate in darkness; but with favoring circumstances, when risen to the surface, growth may be rapid. Much underground work has been accomplished in China. The Bible, long a sealed book, has been translated into the language of the common people, and many have read and are reading the sacred pages. Works on medicine, natural philosophy, chemistry, and other scientific branches have been prepared by the missionaries, and are increasingly sold in shops established for the purpose. Schools and dispensaries have been established, and are edging their way, preparing the way of the Lord, making his paths straight. Here and there souls are born again and enlisted in the army of the Lord—and few though they be, each one acts with a two-fold force--weakening the hosts of Satan, strengthening those of the Saviour.

"But if our faith still fails, let us look at the neighboring kingdom of Japan. That land so long rejecting the Gospel and its messengers, now welcomes and cherishes those who come in the name of the Lord, and why shall it not be so with China? 'The Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, nor his ear heavy that it cannot hear.' Prayers have gone up for this country, seed has been sown, and the harvest must come. Who will gather it? 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord, for God hath chosen the weak things of the earth to confound the things that are mighty, and base things of the earth and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea and things that are not, to bring to nought things that are.' Let us then be strong and of good courage, neither be afraid nor dismayed, for the Lord is with his people whithersoever they go."

JAPAN—Yokohama.

Extracts of Letters from Mrs. Pierson.

BAPTISM OF WOMEN.

Upon the first Sunday of this month, two of my women were baptized; one married, the other about to be. The story of the latter is exceedingly interesting. She has been my scholar for nearly a year, and more than six months ago expressed a desire to unite with the church. However we waited. Nearly six weeks since, she came to my room Saturday morning carrying a bundle. She seemed agitated and in haste. At length she began to untie the package, exhibiting several yards of native gold brocatelle. She said, "Do you not wish to buy this? I need the money very much. My mother is sick and my father is very old." However, the material being expensive, I did not feel able to purchase it, and went to consult with Mrs. Pruyn, who, like myself, did not wish to buy the goods. We made up a small sum as a gift. When I handed it to her, delicately as possible, she declined and burst into tears. Then I comforted her, and had a quiet little talk. The following week she came to me, and said she was soon to be married to a Sakunia in Yedo, and going there to live. "You know," she said, "I must save my poor old father and mother." She has never seen her affianced. Matters had, however, progressed too far for it to be wise or practical to interfere. Before leaving she expressed a wish to unite with the Church. After praying earnestly that the Holy Spirit might occupy her heart, and impart the true and abiding Faith, she left me.

The evening appointed for catechising the candidates was fearful, black, and wild, with a storm of wind and rain, which are inseparable. Our coolies carrying lanterns, we started on our disagreeable and somewhat dangerous way. We reached the place in safety, although I trembled in descending some slippery, perpendicular mountains. Upon reaching the place, we found the candidates already assembled. There were present three others, gentlemen, the elder and the deacon, Rev. Mr. Ballagh, and a few members. The services were simple, but the catechising, all in Japanese, somewhat protracted. It was,

however, satisfactory. The day of baptism dawned beautifully, and we prayed that the Sun of Life, Light, and Peace might shine into those redeemed spirits. The service was solemn and impressive, and the audience silent and attentive. Oh, it is a blessed time when a redeemed spirit recognizes and embraces its Saviour. We were all very happy, encouraged, strengthened in the fulfilment of that blessed promise, "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Extracts of Letters from Miss Guthrie.

DAILY CLASS.

Every afternoon I have a class in the dining-room. My teacher comes to translate for me, for as the pupils read in the Japanese Bible, I explain it in English, and he translates remarks which I prepare each day. Three women and the cook are studying English. I have seven women and three men who are reading the Bible in Japanese. One of these, our house-boy, is preparing for baptism, and is very anxious to learn the way of Life.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE.

On the night of the 15th we had a severe shock of earthquake, that made the house rock like a ship; for awhile it seemed as if it must come down. It is said there has not been anything like it for years. How helpless one feels at such a time. We have no more power than the inanimate walls. But our Father can send precious strength to our hearts, that we are enabled to say, "Thy will, not mine be done."

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OVERCOMING OPPOSITION.

The Holy Spirit is working wondrously among these people! How I thank our Father that he has brought me here now, to see "his wonderful works for the children of men." I expect to go this afternoon to visit the wife of a native Christian. She has been violently opposed to Christianity, keeping their little store open, while he went to church. Now she allows him to close it, but she will not come to church. He sent to know if I would talk to her; and with an interpreter I expect to go. That the Holy Spirit will give me the convincing word to speak to her, is my earnest prayer. You must have heard, since the edict of tolera-

tion has become a law, February 19, we have been rejoicing in this light.

GREECE—Athens.

Extracts of Letters from Miss Kyle.

INCREASE OF WORK.

One of my girls united with the church at the last communion; a man in middle life came forward at the same time. The occasion was one of great interest, and greatly impressed the few Greeks who remained to witness the service.

Our little prayer-meeting is sustained with interest; and I hope with profit. Ten are usually present now, and these always attend by their own choice. One of the girls who attends our Sunday-school, is much annoyed in her day-school, by the girls taunting her with her change of religion. One of the more thoughtful ones said to her, "I feel just as you do about studying the Bible, and trying to be good—but why should people come from America for this—are we not Christians? and can we not do what we need for ourselves?" If they only would do it for themselves, we should be glad to leave it to them. There are indications of good here, and I feel greatly encouraged.

Last week I invited the Sabbath-school to spend an evening with me. The children read in concert, sang, recited the prophecies of Isaiah relating to Christ: and their fulfilment. Two or three friends addressed them, and then I gave them some simple refreshments. Everybody seemed to enjoy the evening.

March 28th.—The prospects for my school another year, are very encouraging. I have now forty-six pupils; several new ones have come in lately to fill the places of some who fell off, either from change of residence, or illness. Twenty girls attended the prayer meeting this week.

A lady who recently brought her little child to the school, heard of the mothers' meeting and came in. She seemed at first a little uneasy, because most of the women present were poor; but she soon lost that, in the interest of the meeting; and when she left she asked me to lend her a Testament, which I did. She has called since with another lady, and we had a long talk. During the past year the Cretan school has numbered fifty-six scholars.

Reports from Bible-Readers.

INDIA--Chittoor.

Mrs. Jared Scudder writes:

I am glad to be able to say that though there has been a falling off in the numbers of persons reached by the Bible-Reader during the year, I do not think it is owing to any want of faithfulness on her part, but rather to a want of order and carefulness in keeping her account; a defect which I shall try to remedy during this year by keeping a weekly record myself. Many of the servants employed by European families do not receive her as warmly as formerly, because the novelty has worn off; and taking no real interest in the truth, they have become weary of her instruction. Nevertheless the woman continues to do a great and good work. She is the means of persuading many to attend the services in our Tamil church, and I think she is very forward in embracing every opportunity of speaking to people of their need of salvation. She is wonderfully well acquainted with the Scriptures, and I think very quick in applying them to the different cases she meets with. I will give you a few instances of her aptness in referring to passages suitable to the occasion. A Roman Catholic woman said to her, "You Christians leave out the mother (meaning the Virgin), and worship only the child, why is this?" She answered, "Mary was only a woman, and a sinner like ourselves; but Christ knew no sin and is our Redeemer and our high priest," and read to her John 2d chapter.

One day I went to visit a heathen woman at her home; her husband was ill, and when he heard my voice, inquired who I was. She told him about me, and he immediately called me in and asked me to read to him from the Bible. I chose the 41st Psalm, and after reading he asked me to pray. He said, "Come often to see me." I promised to do so, and then told him that Jesus Christ is the great Physician, who is able to cure all diseases, and give heavenly medicine; you should believe on him and be cured. He said, "I will believe on Jesus Christ." A few days after this, he sent for me, and calling his relations to him, he asked me to pray. I did so, and then read to him the 11th chapter of John's Gospel. On another occasion I heard some

heathen women conversing together, and one of them who was shaved, said she had offered her hair to the god at Trippaty (sacred hill). I said to her, "Do you think that God wants your hair? No—but he will be very glad if you will give him your heart." I spoke to her of the salvation of her soul, but she would not listen and walked away. Afterwards, while I spoke to some women, two men came up and inquired what books I had in my hand. I said "This is the Bible;" they wished to look at it, so I gave it to them, and turning over the leaves, they pointed to the 15th chapter of John, 1st verse, and said, "Will a man turn as a tree?" I replied, "That is not the meaning. It is, as the root of the tree which sends its juices to the branches, so Christ supports his people and gives them spiritual life."

The Bible-Reader has made 491 visits in 36 Christian homes, and 588 visits in 145 heathen homes. The whole number of persons seen and addressed, is 4,653.

CHINA—Shanghai.

Mrs. E. H. Thomson writes to the Band "In Memoriam" superintended by Mrs. R. Townsend:

I send you the first part of your Bible-Reader's Journal, having tried to give it as literally as I could, that you may see just how she writes. We think her qualified in a very remarkable degree for the work, being bold and fearless in proclaiming the truth. She reads with me every Thursday morning, and on Sundays comes to my help in the afternoon. We gather our scholars together, and with a Scripture picture for our text, she questions the girls on it, and we afterwards explain the print to them. The exercise begins and ends with prayer and singing. Mrs. Dæ, as we call her, (or rather, Dæ-ming-mang), goes out every day that the weather is fit, visiting for us, all the sick church members as well as the houses of strangers. She also gives instructions to the day scholars when they assemble before service on Wednesdays and Fridays, and makes herself generally useful. She conducts a service in her own house in the evenings, which she calls her own "family prayers," but there are sometimes sixty or seventy persons present.

The Bible-Reader says, "In speaking of the difficulties of teach-

ing others, I think the greatest one is, that of entering the houses. Some persons who are more civil are willing to receive me ; others less kindly disposed, when I speak to them, will not answer. Of this kind there are great numbers. When they are thus, I feel abashed, and go on to the next door. For this reason, sometimes I am able to visit only a few families a day. Since I began to be a Bible-Reader, I have not met many very disputatious persons. For the most part, they have listened without replying, or only merely saying "Good, good." This is merely out of politeness. I may give parts of some of the discussions that I have had. On the 3d of the 7th month, in the alley called the Kong-ed-loony, there was a lady who entered into discussion with me. There was a large number of persons standing by listening to us. She said to me, "If the doctrine of Jesus is so good, why have you no images?" I said, "It is good *because* we have no images." The lady then said, "Jesus is good." I replied, "Jesus is very good, He saves us." She then added, "But Jesus was a foreigner, not a Chinaman." I then explained to her that Jesus is God, the Creator of heaven and earth. If He were only a foreign man it would be vain for us to believe in Him, and as useless as believing in the idols. To this she made no reply. One of the by-standers said, "Have you always believed in Jesus?" I replied, "No. If I had not come out from among the idols I would not know so much about them. I know now that the idols are utterly ineffectual for any good. Formerly, when I saw the idols I was frightened to death, and was afraid to look at them, they were so frightful. Certainly, I have never seen an idol that had any efficacy." Another person, standing by, said, "You have never been to see the venerable father, the god of the city." I replied, "He is also without efficacy." I went on to say, that "I had heard that the image of the Mau Sau Sect was extremely efficacious, but I went one day to the Temple and walked all through it, and looked at the idols, and came out without receiving any harm." (Now, they say, if a woman looks at the image of the chief god, she will die.) We broke off the conversation here, as we had been talking a long time. There was a great deal more said which would occupy too much time to narrate."

HOME DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC MEETING.

THE Quarterly Meeting of the Society was held in the Chapel of Dr. Crosby's Church, April 16th, at 2 P. M. Dr. W. M. Taylor presided and opened the meeting with reading the 60th chapter of Isaiah and prayer, and in a few brief words alluded to the work of Missions as being beyond all others dear to Jesus. It was His last command to His disciples and His fourfold exhortation indicated that it lay very near the Master's heart.

Dr. Batchelder was then introduced to the audience, and said, "That having been for more than twenty years in India, as a physician, he had had the privilege and opportunity of observing the great change in the moral sentiments of the people, and to some extent, even in their social customs. When first called to prescribe for Zenana patients, it had always been through a second party, not being allowed to enter the apartment of women. He mentioned an incident where, refusing to prescribe without seeing the patient's tongue, a consultation was held, and an answer deferred until the next day, when, permission being given, he was conducted into the ante-room and found the patient sitting in a chair, all covered up, with the exception of a small aperture sufficient for the tongue to be extended. Then he was obliged to leave the room while they readjusted the drapery to enable him to see the eye-ball. But a great change had been effected within ten years by direct Zenana work. He thought Mission work in India should not be judged by its outward fruits. The Hindoo women of the higher class were inveterate idolaters, yet the light of Christianity was dawning, and though for a time it must be a quiet work, it was exerting an influence whose effects would be seen in the next generation, who were now being instructed in the truths of God's word." Dr. B. said, before closing, he would like to say a few words with respect to the Mission in Calcutta, which he had the pleasure of visiting about two years ago, and thought God had greatly favored this Society in giving them such faithful, devoted laborers to work for them.

Miss Brittan then expressed her pleasure in having the privilege of again addressing the workers of the Society. With regard to the progress of the work, she would say, that whereas formerly they considered it an honor to permit them to come into their apartments now, instead of shrinking from them as polluted, they came to the door with bright smiles of welcome. The Mission has between nine hundred and one thousand pupils ; but as there were always from ten to forty sitting around, listening to God's word, while the missionaries taught, they reached on an average about twenty thousand souls every week. Yet what is this among the eighty millions in India. What, these few Christian teachers among so many? They needed helpers, women of America, to give themselves to this work. They had, within the last three years, founded three institutions: the Orphanage, Foundling Asylum, and Child's Hospital, all at present in a flourishing condition.

Dr. Taylor, in closing, said, that he had felt it a great privilege to listen to Miss Brittan's statements. The Medical Mission seemed to him a peculiarly scriptural institution, Jesus being the first medical missionary, going about healing the sick and preparing the way for the brighter blessings of the Gospel. We should never forget who is working with us, to encourage us. Miss B.'s question, " What are they among so many ?" reminded him of the same question asked by a doubting disciple, forgetting into whose hands he put the bread that Jesus blessed and brake among the thousands. " Sister, (turning to Miss B.) you have put it in the Master's hands ; take courage ; He will multiply it to the millions of India." Turning again to the assembly, Dr. Taylor closed by recommending the work as one in which all should count it an honor and esteem it a privilege to be engaged.

J. A.

VISIT OF A MISSION BAND WORKER TO CALCUTTA.

A family from Brooklyn are here in Calcutta. A few days since they went out to the work with us, seemed delighted, especially with the Foundling and Hospital. The younger Miss M. said she had been a working member of a Band ever since she was a little girl, but that now she should go home and work

harder than ever. Their interest and earnestness put new strength into us; for, you know, going over the same routine, day after day, we sometimes think it does not do much good; but they were fresh on the field and all was new. G. Ward.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

Fearing that our skilful and ready workers may forget Mrs. Pruyn's appeal for Japan, we add her letter published in our last issue:

"Through the pages of the *Link*, I desire to send another message to all the dear friends who are so deeply interested in our work here, and ask their aid still further, in our plan to raise *here* some money towards the payment for our house, and the furnishing of the new rooms we must very soon build.

"We propose to hold a Bazaar, if the friends at home will supply us with the goods for such a purpose, for it is quite impossible for us to devote any time to their preparation. There is no doubt such a sale would be a success, and not only serve to bring money into the treasury, but awaken an interest in our work among the people here. Will the Bands, or individuals, who are willing to help us in this effort, prepare, during the summer, such articles as would be saleable and profitable at home, and send them to Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff, 532 Clinton Avenue, Brooklyn, some time during the month of September, so that they can be forwarded to us in October? This will enable us to hold a Bazaar in the beginning of December, and give the residents an opportunity to supply themselves with gifts for Christmas, which is a great festival with all foreigners here.

"The severe cold of the winter will make worsted goods particularly desirable. And as the expense of transportation will be great, it will not be wise to send any goods that would not be chosen by those who live handsomely, and have plenty of money to spend, for such are the class from whom we hope to receive patronage for our sale."

DIRECTIONS FOR HOSPITAL WORK.

Miss Seelye writes: "I am pleased to know so many are taking an interest about the hospital. You ask about the bedding and clothing. The beds are five feet long and two feet four inches wide. I make the sheets a little longer so as to tuck in nicely. The pillow cases are about twenty-seven inches long by seventeen inches wide. Any bed-spreads, blankets, old linen, etc., will be acceptable. The children wear skirts and jackets of white cotton cloth. They need not necessarily be white for those that are able to sit up. The skirts are generally made to tie around the waist. Any size for children from two years old to twelve will be useful. Also flannel jackets, or something warm that can be worn across the chest would be useful. If any of the Band feel like making up a box, it will be very welcome. Small pictures or school papers would help us to amuse and instruct them.

NOTICES.

Friends desiring to send articles to India for next Christmas, must send them to Miss Dora Robinson, care of "Home of the Friendless," 29th Street, New York, before the month of July. Articles sent after this date must wait a year before they can be forwarded.

As our report has grown to such large proportions, we request our friends in each city or town to procure it from the *Secretaries of our different Branches and Bands.* New York can be supplied at 47 East 21st Street; Brooklyn at Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff's, 532 Clinton Avenue, and Mrs. C. L. Mitchell's, 129 Montague Street; and Flatbush, from Miss Dora Robinson.

As many letters are still received directed care of "Dormus & Nixon," we desire our friends to be careful to remember the address, 47 East 21st Street, New York, as the firm named has been dissolved two years.

MISSION-BAND DEPARTMENT.

THE LITTLE BRIDES.

THERE is a little school in Calcutta, in a district called, "The Garden of the Flying Foxes," from the number of large bats, with heads very like that of a fox, which abound there. Fourteen children were taught here, but now the number is reduced to eleven, three of them having been married lately.

Yesterday, two of these little brides came to see me in a zenana where I was teaching. They had crept quietly through some back entrance, and there they were before me, with flushed cheeks, and sparkling eyes. Both of them wore sashes, striped blue, red and white, and a profusion of jewels. They had very large crescent-shaped earrings, so heavy that their ears quite drooped with the weight. Across the forehead, was a tiara-like ornament, with a long centre-piece, which covered the parting of the hair entirely. This tiara was studded with seed pearls, and brilliants. Their poor little arms were literally loaded from wrist to elbow, with heavy gilt bracelets ; and then, above that, came the armlets, decorated with green and red tassels. Each of them wore a long gold hoop in her nose, and a triple row of anklets, with tiny bells, that jingled as they walked. All this constituted their wedding attire, which they were most anxious that I should see.

Poor little girls, their fathers-in-law, will not allow them to go to school any more. "What necessity is there," they say, "for girls to learn so much?" Bengali women know quite enough if they are able to cook a meal for their husbands.

You cannot think how disheartening such things are at times. Just as the children are getting on nicely, they are removed from school, and in some cases, we never see them again. Now and then, little forlorn messages come to us. Their relatives, who have been to see them, say, "Such an one, does not forget you, lady ; she often speaks of you, and bitterly regrets that she is no longer allowed to read books ; her heart is truly in reading and writing, but for want of practice, she is afraid she will forget all she has learned."

MRS. PAGE.

HOSPITAL FOR LITTLE ONES.

The Children's Hospital makes a happy home for the little invalids. We have twenty beds in it, at present, but there is room for more. The lower floor is devoted to native children, and the upper to Eurasians and Europeans. The lower ward is now entirely full, and three patients are in the upper ward. To see the happiness of the little things, in the hospital, is very pleasing. All enjoy it there; and one little boy, who had previously been in the Medical College Hospital, says, "How much nicer it is here." The Dispensary for women and children is also connected with the hospital, this gives us an opportunity for scattering the good seed among those we cannot have continually under our care. There is no way to reach their hearts so quickly as to relieve their bodies of suffering. They then begin to understand that you have a kindly interest in them, and have come here to do them good and not evil.

We have in the hospital a little child, whom we cannot expect to recover. She came from Augurparah, where she has been under Christian influence, and it is beautiful now in her last illness to hear her speak of her love for her Saviour. The other evening we went into the room where she lay; she heard my voice, and putting out her thin little arm, called me. I went near, and sitting down, said, "What is it, Bindu?" "Can I have chicken to eat to-morrow?" "Yes. Is there nothing else you wanted to say to me, Bindu?" I added, as she paused and still kept hold of my hand. "Mother and sister were here to-day, and they cried so much!" "Did you cry, Bindu?" "No!" "Don't you love your mother and sister, and do you not want to go home with them?" "I like to stay here better, every one is so kind to me, and they give me everything I want." "But you love your mother, Bindu?" "Yes; but I love Jesus more!" "If He should take you away from us all here to live with Him in Heaven, would you be happy?" "Oh, yes!" and the dear little face did look happy indeed.

We have one child from the Orphanage, Eliza Douglass, who is, I think, a true Christian, although she has not publicly united with any church. She is about ten years old, and is one of the

children received at the time of the famine. When she was so ill as to be confined to her bed, you would always find the New Testament in her hands or under her pillow. She is more fond of it than of any book you can give her, and her knowledge of it is something surprising. When she is at the hospital, and I am not there, she has prayers every morning and evening with the children, when she is able. She said that one evening she had prayed God to give her a dream of Heaven, and she had dreamed that night of the Judgment Day. I was pleased to hear it, for it was a little insight into the child's thoughts. One day she said, "Mamma, sometimes I ask God to let me die at once, so that I can be an angel and always be near you."

It is very encouraging to know that the friends at home are remembering us, and desirous of aiding us all in their power. Our friends in Calcutta have been very kind in helping us to start the hospital, sending us both money and donations of various kinds. But the population here is constantly changing, and one cannot depend upon any regular sum contributed. Government gives us an amount monthly, equal to that already raised by subscription, so that the more we can increase the latter, the greater will be the former.

M. H. SEELYE.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Max Schwerin, Schenectady, N. Y.
Mrs. Rev. W. E. Knox, by collection of Miss C. Thurston, Elmira, N. Y.
Mrs. Henry Torrance, by "B. C. Cutler Mem. Band," Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. George T. Packard, by "B, C. Cutler Mem. Band," Brooklyn, N. Y,
Mrs. Wm. B. Parker, Salem, Mass., by collection of Miss E. B. Engalls, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Scudder, by "Scudder Mem. Band," Brooklyn, N. Y.
Mrs. Sarah Stewart, Colerain Forge, Pa.
Mrs. Harriet R. F. Shepard, Boston, Mass.
Miss Margaret Kyle, Athens, Greece, by Mrs. Jeremy Drake, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. E. K. Alden, by ladies of Phillips church, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Alvan Simonds, by ladies of Phillips church, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. C. O. Whitmore, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. A. H. Vinton, by Mrs. D. R. Whitney, Boston Mass.
Mrs. James S. Dickerson, by ladies of S. Baptist church, Boston, Mass.
Mrs. T. T. Munger, by collection in Elliot Society, Lawrence, Mass,
Miss Ida May Vrooman, by Mr, S. B. Vrooman, Jonesville, Mich.
Miss Annie Boorman, New York.
Mrs. Richard H. Allen, New York, by Mrs. R. L. Allen.
Miss Josephine Turney, by "Star of Bethlehem Miss. Band," Fairfield, Conn.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS OF THE PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Arthur Burt, by "H. A. Boardman" Band.
Harriette Hollond Boardman, by "Harriet Hollond" Band.
Miss Mary R. Fox, by "Harriet Hollond" Band.
James O. McHenry, by "Faith and Hope" Band.
Miss Ella D. Kirkpatrick, by Miss Martha M. Kirkpatrick.
Miss Emma E. Kirkpatrick, by Miss Martha M. Kirkpatrick.
Miss Anna M. Peters, by collection of Mrs. S. F. Ashton.
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Henry, by 1st Presbyterian Church of Germantown.
Mrs. Sarah W. Jones, " " " "
Miss Theodosia Bayard, " " " "
Mr. Enoch Taylor, " " " "
Master Henry S. Ludlow, Troy, N. Y., by his mother.
Mrs. Love.
William Bucknell.
William Wilson.

MISSION BOXES.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a box of fancy articles from the "Ever-Ready" Mission Band, Washingtonville, N. Y. Also, a box from Miss. Band. "Light Bearers," Brooklyn, containing clothing, patchwork, dolls, etc. Also, box of books for India, from Mrs. Thompson Newkirk, Philadelphia. Also, a box from the "Woman's Missionary Society" of Wilmington, Del., valued, at $15. Also, a parcel of basted patchwork, from "Murray Hill Mite Society." Also, bead-work from blind girls of Miss Cronin's class, New York. Also, sea weed, on cards, from Miss E. E. Smith, Madison, Conn. Also, a crying doll and mats, from an unknown friend. Also, a package for "Lucy" from "Arbutus Band." Also, package for Pastor Daniel, Thyatira. Also, a box for Miss Lathrop from Stafford, N. Y. Mrs. Moses B. Ives, of Providence, R. I., also sends word that a valuable box is ready to be forwarded to Calcutta; relating to it she says: "There has been much interest about this box expressed in the best way by liberal contributions."

RECEIPTS *of the Woman's Union Missionary Society, from April 1st to June 1st*, 1873.

Branch Societies & Mission Bands.

CANADA.

Montreal, "Victoria Society" of Mrs. Lay's Seminary, to aid in support of girl in Miss Kyle's school, Athens, Greece $50 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, "Boston Branch," Mrs. Henry Johnson, Treas. (See items below.) 1,771 55
Great Barrington, "Florence Band." for support of Pastor Daniel's little girl, in Thyatira, per Mrs. Van Lennep 75 00
"Arbutus Band," per Miss Lucy L. Dodge, for child in Smyrna 50 00

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CONNECTICUT.

Fairfield, "Star of Bethlehem," per Miss E. D. Knapp, to cons, Miss JOSEPHINE TURNEY, L. M. 75 00
Guilford, "T. P. Mission Band," per Miss Clara M. Fowler 20 00
Norwalk, "Young Ladies Zenana Band," per Miss Brittan 100 00
"Union May-Flower Miss. Band," Episcopal Branch, Miss C. E. Raymond, Manager, viz.: Miss A. Cranford, Miss E. Cranford, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Eliza Hoyt, Miss E. Clark, and Miss Clara Randle, Winnepank, Ct., all per Miss Brittan 104 66

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NEW YORK.

Albany, "Albany Branch." Mrs. F. Townsend, Treas. (See items below.) 946 75
Brooklyn, Mrs. W. H. Harris, memorial gift, for child in Calcutta, per "Pioneer Band," Mrs. S. E. Warner, Manager 30 00
"Spring Side Mem. Band," for furnishing new school room in Japan, per Mrs. R. L. Wyckoff 130 00
"Scudder Mem. Band," Miss Mary T. Pratt, Treas., of which for bed in Hospital, 48, gold; "Japan Home," 20; all to cons. DR. and MRS. SCUDDER, Life Members .. 110 00
"Mission Band" of Dr. Van Dyke's church, per Mrs. E. W. Bancroft, viz.: Miss Eliza Van Sinderen, 5, Mrs. E. W. Bancroft, 4, Mrs. B. Flint, 2, Mrs. Wm. Whitlock, 1,

Mrs. Wm. Patrick, 1, Mrs. F. M. Tompkins, 1, Mrs. Edgar Williams, 1, Mrs. Edward F. Oakley, 1, Mrs. T. B. Hewett, 1, Mrs. S. R. Adams, 1, Mrs. Van Wagenen, 1, Mrs. U. R. Gould, 1 ..... 20 00

"B. C. Cutler Mem. Band." to cons. MRS. HENRY TORRANCE, Tenafly, N. J., and REV. GEORGE S. PACKARD, Brooklyn, Life Members, per Miss Peet 100 00

"Steady Workers' Band," per Miss Annie Fisk, for "Japan Home,". 50 00

"Dwight Mem. Band," of which 25 in gold, a gift to Miss Wilson. . . 37 00

Ithaca, "Ithaca Auxiliary," per Miss J. L. Hardy, Collr. from Pres. ch., 22.80, Mrs. C. E. Hardy, for "Japan Home," 10 ..... 32 80

Kinderhook, "Daisy Collier Band," per Mrs. W. H. Rainey, for child in China 25 50

New York, "First Fruits of a Coming Harvest." per Miss Blakeman, for B. R., in Calcutta, viz.: A Friend, 3, Mrs. James Stokes, 20, Miss Stokes, 10, Mrs. W. N. Blakeman, (in memoriam,) 20, Miss Knox, 2, Misses Mason, 2, Mrs. Mason, 1, Mrs. M. Gallagher, 10..... 68 00

"Sunday-School of 34th St. Ref. Ch.," for Mexico, per Miss E. S. Hanaway, gold..... 30 00

"Infant Dep. of Miss. School No. 120," per Miss Carrie Mathews, for support of "Laura Graham.".. 40 00

"Seventh Ave. School of Dr. Hall's Ch., for Bible R., Mrs. Shouldham, 90; ent to Mrs. S. from school, 10, 100 00

"United Effort, per Mrs. R. W. Hurlburt 27 00

"Kendrick Band," Miss M. A. Farquharson, Treas. Miss Eliza Thomas, 2, Miss Helen Fanning, 1, Miss Virginia Andrews 6, Miss Henrietta Dean, 2, Miss Lydia D. Smith, Pres., 1.25, Miss Laura E. Smith, Sec., 1.25, Miss Sarah Williams, 1, Miss Eliza Shardlow, 2, Miss M. A. Mills, 1, Miss Augusta Smith, 1, Miss Lillie Watkins, 1, Miss Young, 2, Miss Brown, 1, Annie Harris, 2, Agnes Bergman, 1, Miss Probin, 4, Ida Brockway, 2, Louise Needham, 1, Sarah Cooper, 1, Louise Cooper, 1, Annie Cooper, 1, Miss M. A. Farquharson, 1, Entrance fees, 1.75, Balance from last year, 25c., Mrs. Maghee, 5, Mrs. J. R. Kendrick, 1, Mrs. J. H. Keyser, 5, Mrs. Wm. Grant, 1, Miss Colgate, 5, Jennie Colgate, 5, Grace Brockway, 5, Mrs. Probin, 3, 68 50

Plattsburg, "Brittan Band," per Mrs. M. P. Myers..... 22 00

Schenectady, "Schenectady Branch," Mrs. R. B. Welch, Sec. & Treas. for Cal. Orphanage, viz.: MRS. MAX SCHWERIN to cons. herself, L. M., 50, Miss S. M. Walker, 5, Mrs. R. Franchot, 5, Mrs. and Miss Backus, 5, Mrs. Peter McQueen, 5, Mrs. Dr. Nott, 5, Mrs. R. B. Welch, 5, Mrs. A. Vermilye, 3, Mrs. B. Stanton, 3, Miss Fanny Hook, 3, Mrs. H. L. Barney, 2, Mrs. A. P. Strong, 2, Mrs. John Ellis, 2, Miss Churchill, 2, Mrs. Jay Cady, 1, Mrs. Platt Potter, 1, Mrs. A. McMullen, 1, Mrs. Jas. Walker, 1, Mrs. A. Veeder, 1, Mrs. C. Van Slyck, 1, Mrs. E. Freeman, 1, Mrs. N. Cain, 1, Mrs. I. Brownell, 1, Mrs. W. McQueen, Mrs. E. M. Jenkins, 1, Mrs. A. Washington, 1, Mrs. S. V. Switz, 1, Mrs. A. Brown, 1, Mrs. N. J. Schermerhorn, 1, Mrs. A. M. Veeder, 1, Mrs. H. S. Edwards, 1, Mrs. E. McCamus, 1, Mrs. J. B. Clute, 1, Mrs. Mitchell, 1, Mrs. Higinbotham, 1, Mrs. A. Vedder, 1, Mrs. Jenkins, 1, Mrs. C. Angle, 1, Mrs. Kingsbury, 1, Mrs. Reeves, 1, Miss Fanny Fisk, 1, Miss Lizzie Schwerin, 1, Miss McNee, 1, Miss Van Epps, 1, Miss H. Horsefall, 60c., Mrs. Elwood, 75c., Mrs. Marcellus, 50c., less cost of check, 02. 128 83

South Owego, "Highland Band," per Miss M. F. Wilsey 20 00

Syracuse, "Mission Gleaners," for support of a child in Calcutta, 50, for "Japan Home," 9, per Mrs. A. A. Hudson..... 59 00

"Clifton Springs Band," per Mrs. R. Townsend, for support of child in Mrs. Pruyn's school, viz.: Miss Bogart, 3, Miss Beaver, 3, Miss Glezen, 3, Miss Hamilton, 3, Miss Warriner, 2.50, Miss Dunbar, 3, Miss Love, 2.50, Mr. and Mrs. Lansing, 5, Miss Truslow, 3, Mrs. Judson, 3, Miss Van Blarcom, 3, Mr. Rice, 5, Mr. Havemeyer, 5, Dr. H. Foster, 5, Mrs. Townsend, 31..... 80 00

"Band of Faith," for "Kyno-yèè," viz.: Mrs. Joel Reed, 5, Mrs. S. Hand, 5, Mrs. J. Cook, 3, Mrs. Albert Reed, 20..... 33 00

"Bridgman Band," for support of Ching-Sing, viz.: Reformed Church of Syracuse, 25, gold, Mrs. E. T. Martin, 5..... 30 00

Utica. "Whitefield Band," per Miss Lizzie Potter, for Japan..... 5 00

West Troy, Sunday-School of S. Ref. Church, for support of "Brotto," per C. C. Schuyler, Esq..... 75 00

Washington Heights, "Little Charitables," per Mrs. G. B. Grinnell, for Romone..... 20 00

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NEW JERSEY.

Allentown, "C. L. Beatty Band," per Mrs. H. N. Vanderbeck..... 50 00

Elizabeth, "Elizabeth Branch," Mrs. E. K. Pardee, Treas., of which 150 from St. John's Church, for two Bible R. in Calcutta, and 45 for Japan Home..... 195 00

Griggstown, "Griggstown Mission Band," quarterly collection, Miss Kate B. Mosher, Treas..... 27 92

Hackensack, Children's Miss. Soc. of 2nd Ref. Ch., Miss M. J. Speers, Pres. 6 00

Newark, "Newark Auxiliary," Mrs. Dr. Smith, Treas., viz.: Mrs. A. B. Twitchell, 50c., Miss M. E. Sears, 50c., Miss Maggie Stoutenburgh, 1, Mrs. Wm. S. Faitoute, 5, Mrs. Wm. A. Whitehead, 2, Mrs. Samuel Baldwin, 15, Mrs. C. S. Crosby, 5, "Dorrance Zenana Band," towards support of Addie B. Condict, 14, Mrs. Hine, of Woodside, 20, Mrs. Anna M. Pierson, Calvary Church, towards support of B. R., 20 ..... 83 00

Mrs. T. H. Smith, Colln., viz.: Mrs. J. C. Johnson, 5, Mrs. Seth Magie, 2, Sale of Fair Articles, 1.15 ..... 8 15

"Fanny Meeker Band," per Miss E. D. McIlvaine, for child in Japan 47 50

Orange, "Brick Ch. Sunday-School," for Mary Dwight, Calcutta, per Geo. P. Olcott, Esq., 50, gold, premium, 8.87 ..... 58 87

$476 44

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, "Philadelphia Branch," Mrs. H. G. Jones, Treas., from Miss Kirkpatrick, for Mrs. Pruyn, Japan, in gold 100 00

For salary of Shorelatta, Calcutta, in gold 75 00

Premium on the above 31 06

For salary and incidental expenses of Misses Lathrop, Seelye, and two-thirds salary of Miss Guthrie, 601.99, Germantown Auxiliary, for salary of Miss Hook, 150. 751 99

For Miss Oba Siraganian, Smyrna 290 07

From Lambertville Auxiliary, for Childs' Hospital in Calcutta 213 50

For Annual Reports 100 00

For "Link," Jan., March, and May numbers 177 36

Total from Phila. Br., $1,738.98.

Pittsburg "Family Circle," per Mrs. John B. Semple 100 00

"Lawrenceville Torch Bearers," per Mrs. M. H. Moorhead, to complete support of child in Japan, and remainder for Childs' Hospital.... 50 00

$,1888 98

DELAWARE.

New Castle, "New Castle Auxiliary," per Mrs. S. W. Spotswood, collected for Mrs. Couper. Mrs. Couper, 20, Mrs. Voorhees, 20, Miss Booth, 5, Mrs. Edwards (in mem. of Luttie), 5, Mrs. Spotswood, 5. Miss A. Niven, 3, Mrs. J. J. Black, 2, Mrs. M. C. Smith, 1, Mrs. Ferris, 1, Mrs. Taggart, 1, Mrs. Geminel, 1, Miss Taggart, 1. Total, 65.

Collected by Mrs. O. W. Cannon, Mrs. A. W. Jefferson, 1, Miss Scofield, 5. Mrs. H. Kennedy, 5, Mrs. A. J. Black, 1, Mrs. S. Truss, 1, Mrs. E. Janvier, 2. Mrs. H. Turner, 1, Mrs. Kimmey, 1, Mrs. Tetlow, 1, Mrs. Lambson, 1, Mrs. M. Alrichs, 1, Mrs. S. Carpenter, 1, Mrs. Dalby, 1, Mrs. Richd. Cooper, 1, Mrs. Geo. Gray, 1, Mrs. O. W. Cannon, 1. Total, 25 ..... 90 00

Port Penn, "Wayside Gleaners," per Miss S. B. Cleaver 20 00

$110 00

ILLINOIS.

Chicago, "Chicago Branch," Mrs. Avery, Sec. and Treas. (see items below) 362 70

Elgin, "Davidson Band," per O. Davidson 20 00

$382 70

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, "Kentucky Branch," per Miss Hallie Quigley (see items below) $175 50

MINNESOTA.

St. Paul, "Etta Corlies Mem. Band," per Mrs. C. H. Boardman $27 85

Total from Branch Societies and Mission Bands $7,596 06

Other Contributions.

MAINE.

Winterport, Mrs. E. Skinner, per Mrs. M. M. Coe, for Japan Home. $ 6 00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Sunday-School Class of Mrs. J. H. Dane, for Calcutta work 8 00

Dedham, Mrs. Horatio Chickering, quarterly payment for sppport of "Chundra," 20 00

Hatfield, The little daughter of Mrs. Miller, to buy a Bible for a child in India 1 00

Northampton, Miss Mary C. Dickinson, Collr 5 50

$34 50

CONNECTICUT.

New Haven, per Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. E. C. Read, for Peking Home. 25 00

Miss Abbie Lyman, Collr 78 50

North Cornwall, Ladies and Misses of Cong. Church 13 25

South Norwalk, Collection, per Miss Brittan 36 38

Two Friends, per Miss Brittan 11 00

Southport, Mrs. Chas. Perry, for Japan Home, 20, and per Miss Brittan, 20. 40 00

$204 13

NEW YORK.

Albany. From Miss Douw, to balance account, 10.35, for Kardoo, 6 ..... 16 35

Brooklyn, Miss E. B. Ingalls, Collr. in Clinton Ave. Cong. Ch., per Mrs. S. E. Warner, to cons. MRS. WM. B. PARKER, of Salem, Mass., L. M., viz.: Mrs. Wm. I. Budington, 10, Mrs. Wm. Harris, 20, Mrs. B. F. Millard, 10, Miss Ellen Tenney, Newburyport, Mass., 5, Mrs. Elizabeth Morey, 2, Mrs. A. H. Dana, 1, Mrs. H. Jones, 2, Mrs. Decker, 5, Mrs. Edelman, 2, Mrs. Jas. Elwell, 5, Mrs. Whiton, 5, Mrs. W. B. Parker, Salem, Mass., 2, Mrs. Marsh, 2, Mrs. S. E. Warner, 5, Mrs. C. Messenger, 1, Mrs. H. P. Messenger, 1, A Friend, by Mrs. H. P. Messenger, 5..... 83 00
Mrs. A. B. Wyckoff, per Mrs E. Merrill..... 5 00
Miss M. Messenger, Collr..... 111 00
Cheektowaga, Mrs. E. Sterling Ely, for Miss North's personal use.... 50 00
Elmira, Ladies in Elmira, per Miss C. Thurston, to cons. MRS. REV. W. E. KNOX, L. M..... 52 00
Hyde Park, Mrs. J. R. Garland, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus..... 5 00
Ithaca, Mrs. J. C. McGraw, for sup. Jennie McGraw..... 50 00
New York, Mr. H. C. Le Roy, per Mrs. Jacob Le Roy..... 20 00
Miss J. Abeel, Collr., of which 10 for Peking Home..... 16 00
Mrs. Wm. Spencer, per Mrs. J. Le Roy..... 100 00
A Friend, by Miss Westerlo, for Japan Home..... 10 00
Mrs. Howard Potter..... 50 00
Robert Hoe, Esq., per Mrs. T. C. Doremus..... 50 00
Mrs. T. C. Doremus, for sales of Kardoo..... 67 89
Mr. Stewart Brown..... 100 00
Miss S. B. Hills, sub'n..... 10 00
A Friend, per Miss Brittan..... 3 00
A Friend, for cost of dwelling for Miss Higby, Bassein, Burmah, in gold..... 250 00
Miss C. L. Westerlo..... 2 00
Mrs. Nathan Lane, per Mrs. G. C. White, for sup. of "Emma J. Lane," in Smyrna..... 50 00
A Friend, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus, for Peking Home..... 100 00
Miss Elizabeth Blakeman, a dying gift..... 150 00
Mrs. E. D. Morgan, 5, Mrs. H. Talmadge, 10, Mrs. T. C. M. Paton, 5, Mrs. T. P. Lathrop, 3, Mrs. M. Burr, Jr., 5, Mrs. Burr Wakeman, 10, Mrs. S. Downer, 10, Miss Lord, 5, per Mrs. E. C. Barbour..... 53 00
Mrs. T. H. Maghee..... 20 00
A blind lady, per Mrs. E. C. Barbour..... 2 00
Mrs. M. N. Slocum..... 5 00
Mrs. F. S. Wiley, for B. R., in Calcutta..... 100 00
Mrs. Hannah Ireland, for Peking Home, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus.. 25 00
MISS ANNIE BOORMAN, to cons. herself L. M..... 50 00
Mrs. J. B. Borst..... 20 00
Mrs. Kissam..... 2 00
Mrs. R. L. Allen, to cons. MRS. R. H. ALLEN, L. M..... 50 00
Brick Church Mission Class, "Willing Minds," per Miss Cronin, proceeds of sale of bead work..... 2 00
Miss M. N. Macy, Collr..... 20 00
Mrs. Ernest L. Smith, per Mrs. T. C. Doremus..... 20 00
Mrs. Fisk, per Mrs. Williamson, for Peking Home..... 25 00
Owasco, Mrs. and Mrs. Roelipp Parsell, for Japan Home, per Mrs. A. P. Peeke..... 6 00
Poughkeepsie, A few friends, for Miss Brittan's work, per Miss M. Swift. 40 00
Syracuse, Mrs. C. B. Lansing, 20, Mrs. R. Townsend, 5, for sup. of Ah Lis, Shanghai..... 25 00
Mrs. H. Wood. Clinton, N. Y., for "Ching Sing," per Mrs. Townsend..... 10 00
Tarrytown, Mrs. W. G. Weston..... 5 00

$1,831 24

NEW JERSEY.

Allentown, Coll'n, per Miss Brittan.. 40 00
Jersey City, Mrs. J. F. Randolph, per Mrs. Cleaveland, for Japan Home. 25 00
Newark, A Friend, per Miss Brittan.. 20 00
Trenton, Mrs. Olivia S. Fuller, per Mrs. Buttolph..... 5 00

$ 90 00

PENNSYLVANIA.

Colerain Forge, Mrs. Sarah Stewart and daughters, for Japan Home and Life Membership of MRS. SARAH STEWART..... 50 00
Williamsport, Mrs. Benj. W. Thompson, for Japan..... 5 00
Lewisburg, Mrs. A. H. Le Fevre, for freight on box..... 10 00

$ 65 00

DELAWARE.

Newcastle, per Miss Neenah Stockton, viz.: Mrs. John Johns, 5.50, Mrs. Jas. Shaw, 3.50, Miss N. J. Stockton, 1.50.....$10 50

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Mrs. Coe, for Childs' Hospital, per Miss Brittan..... 5 00
Two little girls, for Orphanage, per Miss Brittan..... 75
A Friend, per Miss Brittan..... 10 00
Redland, P. O., Miss S. A. Desellum, 4.50, Miss Harriet M. Talbott, 2; both for Childs' Hospital, Calcutta, less 25c., not received..... 6 25

$ 22 00

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Miss N. W. Wright, for B. Reader, "Hope," in Calcutta..$30 00

OHIO.

Norwalk, Sunday-School of St. Paul's Church, per Rev. H. H. Morril..$20 00

MICHIGAN.

Detroit, Miss E. R. Hoffman, gift to Miss Seelye	5 00
Jonesville, Mrs. E Grosvenor	3 70
Mr. S. B. Vrooman, per Mrs. E. O. Grosvenor, for Japan Home, and to cons. Miss Ida May Vrooman, L. M.	50 00
	$ 58 70

MISSOURI.

St. Louis, A few humble workers in "Christian Home," per Mrs. Shepard Wells	$15 50

KANSAS.

Wakefield, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. North	$ 5 00

Subscriptions for Missionary Link.

Mrs. Vanderbeck, 16, Mrs. Woodruff, 2.25, Mrs. J. H. Claney, 10.50, Mrs. Henderson, 2, Miss Messenger, 3, Mrs. H. C. Wood, 2, Mrs. Spotswood, 4, Mrs. Peeke, 6, Miss Beatty, 4, Mrs. Hale, 2.50, Mrs. Welch, 2.50, smaller subscriptions, 39.60	94 35
Total other contributions	$2,486 92
Total from Branch Societies and Mission Bands	$7,596 06
Total from April 1, to June 1, 1873.	$10,082 98

Treasurer's Report *of the Boston Branch of Woman's Union Missionary Society from March 27th to May*, 1873.

From Emmanuel Church, through Mrs. C. O. Whitmore and Mrs. D. R. Whitney:	
Mrs. C. O. Whitmore, making herself Life Member	$50 00
Mrs. D. R. Whitney, making Mrs. A. H. Vinton a Life Member	50 00
Mrs. J. W. Clark	25 00
" N. Matthews	20 00
" S. T. Dana	5 00
" R. A. Richards	10 00
" David Sears	5 00
" G. P. Upham	5 00
Miss M. Hooper	10 00
" E. Hooper	10 00
" Frink	5 00
Mrs. J. L. Gardner, Jr	5 00
" B. T. Reed	5 00
" Andrew Robeson	5 00
" Silsbee	5 00
" A. A. Lawrence	5 00
" S. G. Snelling	10 00
" J. French	10 00
" E. Townsend	10 00
" Henry Blaney	5 00
" Jas. Lee, Jr	5 00
" John Hogg	5 00
" H. W. Sargent	10 00
" F. G. Dexter	5 00
" B. R. Curtis	5 00
" R. M. Clark	10 00
" J. F. Dobson	5 00
" G. J. F. Bryant	5 00
" C. F. Hatch	3 00
" E. S. Grew	3 00
" C. W. Seabury	5 00
" Henry Van Brunt	3 00
" G. M. Black	10 00
" Dr. Abbot	2 00
" Tibbetts	2 00
" A. G. Weeks	5 00
" E. A. Dana	5 00
" S. H. Walley	10 00
" B. F. Burgess	5 00
" A. T. Hall	5 00
" A. T. Perkins	10 00
" E. R. Mudge	3 00
" E. A. Abbot	5 00
" S. V. R. Thayer	5 00
" Henry Flanders	15 00
" J. N. Borland	5 00
" W. W. Morland	10 00
Miss Crafts	5 00
Mrs. C. Van Brunt	10 00
" A. H. Stebbens	3 00
" Jas. Dillon, Jr	3 00
" S. H. Hall	2 00
" Barnard	2 00
Miss Cutter	2 00
" Torrey—Link	50
Mrs. A. W. Cummins	3 00
" G. H. Peters	3 00
" Fred. Lyman	5 00
" E. S. Rand	5 00
" A. W. Hoyt	3 50
" E. E. Pratt	2 00
Misses Ridgeway	2 50
Mrs. L. B. Schwartz	2 00
" L. A. Shattuck	5 00
Miss J. Eaton	5 00
Mrs. G. W. Dana	5 50
G. A. Jasper, (Mrs.)	5 00
Mrs. J. D. Bryant	5 00
Two Friends	15 00
Mrs. Horace Gray	10 00
" B. S. Pray	2 00
Miss F. Williams	1 00
A Friend	1 00
Miss S. H. Hooker—Link	50
Mrs. T. E. Proctor	1 00
" H. S. Wade	10 00
Miss Ella Whitney—Link	50
Mrs. J. Geo. Day	5 00
" Jas. H. Whitman	2 00
" E. B. Taylor	2 00
" D. B. Van Brunt	5 00
" Wm. S. Appleton	5 00
" Stetson	5 00
Mrs. Henry M. Clarke	4 00
	564 50
From the Phillips Church, South Bos-	

ton, through Mrs. Jeremy Drake, for the support of Miss Kyle, at Athens, Greece: Mrs. Jeremy Drake making Miss Kyle a Life Member, 54.50, Mrs. Henry Wilson, 25, Mrs. Choate Burnham, 20, Mrs. Alvan Simonds, 10, Mr. Wm. Eaton, 10, Mrs. G. W. Ellis, 5, Mrs. Augustus King, 5, Mrs. Reuben Mays, 5, Miss A. B. Jewell, 5, Miss E. Bingham, 2 50, Mrs. E. K. Alden, 1, Mrs. Barker Kent, 1, Mrs. F. James, 2, Mrs. D. G. Harrington, 1, Miss Alice Cooper, 1, Mrs. Hiram Emery, 2.....150 00

The following persons have been made Life Members by the Phillips Church: Miss Margaret Kyle; Mrs. Calvin Shepard (by herself), 50; Mrs. Alvan Simonds; Mrs. E. K. Alden. 50 00

From the ladies of the South Baptist Church, through Mrs. J. D. Richardson, making Mrs. Rev. Jas. S. Dickerson a Life Member, 63; through Mrs. J. D. Richardson, for Links, 12..... 75 00

From Trinity Church, through Mrs. E. D. Peters and Miss Amelia Morrill, for the support of Mrs. Page, at Calcutta: Mrs. N. Thayer, 50, Mrs. Brimmer, 50, A Friend, 35, Mrs. Fiske, 30, Mrs. R. T. Paine, Jr., 25, Mrs. G. H. Shaw, 25, Mrs. R. M. Cushing, 20, Mrs. E. D. Peters, 20, Misses Morrill, 20, A Friend, 20, Mrs. J. G. Cushing, 20, Mrs. C. W. Gallaupe, 20, Mrs. J. Heard, 15, Mrs. J. A. Burnham, 10, Mrs. C. R. Codman, 10, Mrs. Richard Sullivan, 10, Mrs. Burr Porter, 10, Mrs. E. B. Bryant, 10, Miss Bryant, 10, A Friend, 10, Mrs. W. G. Brooks, 10, Miss Phillips, 10, Mrs. F. Bacon, 10, Miss Baury, 6, Mrs. Dr. John Jeffries, 5, Miss Dehon, 5, A Friend, 5, Misses Phillips, 5, Mrs. Dalton, 5, Miss Crocker, 5, Miss Blake, 5, Mrs. Bingham, 5, Mrs. Suter, 5, Mrs. J. H. Dana, 5, Misses Talbot, 5, Miss Palmer, 3, Mrs. J. Codman, 2, Miss Beal, 2, Mrs. J. H. Wilcox, 2, Miss Simpson, 2, A Friend, 2, Mrs. Waldo Adams, 1, Miss Kitty Porter, 1, Mrs. Hunt 1, Mrs. Slafter, 1, Anonymous Contributions, 72, Miss Julia Cotting, 5, Miss Charlotte Cotting, Contributions and Link, 5.50.....610 50

From Mrs. S. J. M. Homer..... 15 00

From Mrs. H. D. Osgood, Subscription and Links..... 2 00

Through Mrs. H. C. Hayward for the support of a Bible Reader: Mrs. M. J. Denny, 2.50, Mrs. Burr Porter's Collection for Mrs. Hayward, 10, Oliver Ditson, 10, Mrs. Ditson, 3, F. O. Ditson, 1, J. E. Ditson, 1, Miss Graves, 1, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Porter, 3, C. H. Ditson, 5, E. A. Farrington, 1, H. G. Clapp, 2, John Storrs, 1, Mr. Taintor, 1, Mr. Rowe, 1, Mr. Howland, 1, Mrs. Johnson, 1, Mr. and Mrs. Almy, 2, Miss Aborn, 1, Mrs. A. Adams, 1, Mrs. E. S. Adams, 1, Mrs. R. B. Stowe, 1, Mrs. Henry Gowing, 1, Mrs. G. D. Colburne, 2, Mrs. Henry Mulliken, 1, Mrs. Hodgdon, 1, Mrs. G. H. Davis, 2, Mrs. Wm. T. Hart, 5, Mrs. Sumner, 2, Mrs. Byam, 1, Mrs. E. T. Farrington, 2, Mrs. B. Wade, 1, Dr. Ahlbourn, 1, Miss M. Delano, 1, Mrs. Wm. Mason, 1, Mrs. G. Palmer, 1, Mrs. Lawrence, 1, Mrs. J. T. Stanwood, 1, C. G. Wood, 1, Mrs. W. B. Henderson, 1, Mrs. McCagg, 15, Mrs. J. T. Stevenson, 2, Mr. E. B. Stewart, 2, Mr. Marston, 5, Mr. G.C.Muning, 1, C.F. Farrington, 2 93 50

From St. Paul's Church, through Miss E. B. Barrett, for the support of Miss Seward, at Allahabad: Miss Bessie Tappan, 3, Mrs. Isaac Butts, contribution and Link, 3.50, Mrs. M. F. Fowler, Link, 50c, Mrs. Kimball Gibson, Link, 50c., Mrs. Geo. Howe, donation, 25..... 32 50

From St. Paul's Church, through Miss M. W. Reynolds, for Miss Seward: Miss Soly, 5, Miss Lovet, 6, Mrs. Calvin Page, 1..... 12 00

Through Mrs. Edward Crosby: Mrs. Frances Krebs, 10, Miss Abby S. Hill, 1, Mrs. Mary Bishop, subscription and Link, 1.50, Mrs. A. Boyden, 1, Mrs. S. G. Shipley, subscription and Link, 2..... 15 50

From the Dorchester and Roxbury Auxiliary, for Links..... 3 60

From the Lawrence Auxiliary, through Miss Marcia Packard.

Elliot Society, making Mrs. T. T. Munger a Life Member, 63, Subscribers to the Link, 12..... 75 00

South Congregational Society, Mrs. J. K. Cole, collector: Contributions, 10 Subscribers to the Link, 10... 20 00

Central Society, Miss Cummings, collector: Contributions, 9.50, Subscribers to the Link, 5.50..... 15 00

Grace Church, Mrs. H. M. Whitney collector: Contributions, 21.60, Subscribers to the Link, 8.50..... 30 10

Interest on Deposits..... 10 12

$1,773 72

Less expenses..... 2 17

Balance.....$1,771 55

MARIA N. JOHNSON, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS *of the Philadelphia Branch from April 5, to June 1, 1873.*

GERMANTOWN AUXILIARY, collected by Miss Clement: Miss C. Parker, 20, Miss M. Mehl, 2, Misses Dutilh, 2, Mrs. Downs, 2, Miss S. Bryant, 50c., Mrs. Thomas, 50c., Mrs. Morris, 50c., Miss Livezey, 50c., Miss L. Dorsey, 5, collected by Mrs. Lehman, 24, collected by Mrs. Nugent, 18.50, Miss T. Bayard, 2, Miss A. Bayard, 5, A Friend, 5,..... $ 87 50

[The above, received February 27th, was unintentionally omitted in the last report.]

Per Miss Dillaye, Mrs. H. G. Ludlow, Troy, N. Y., (for Life Membership of Master Harry Ludlow) 25, for Child's Hospital, Calcutta, 10th Presbyterian Church, Memorial, 10..... 35 00

Per Mrs. D. Haddock, Mrs. Haddock, 10, Mrs. A. Manderson, 3, Link, 50c..... 13 50

From Miss Martha Kirkpatrick, for Mrs. Pruyn of Japan (gold), 100, also for "Shorelatta," Bible-reader, under Miss Britton (gold), 75.... 175 00

LAMBERTVILLE AUXILIARY, per Miss M. G. Thornton; Treas., cash from Mrs. F. E. Johnson, Asst. Treas., N. Y. General Society for printing 8,000 Reports, by Mr. Ashmead.. 250 00

GERMANTOWN AUXILIARY, Mrs. Charles Spencer, 75, Miss L. Buchanan, 1.25..... 76 25

First Presbyterian Church, collected by Miss J. A. Wilson, Mrs. E. L. Linnard, 100. Mrs. R. V. Boswell, 2.50, Mrs. H. P. Boswell, 2.50, Miss E. S. Linnard, N. Y., 45c., Mrs. J. P. Wilson, 1, Mrs. Armstrong, 1, Miss McKellar, 1, Miss H. McKellar, 1, Miss L. McKellar, 1, Miss Ladley, 1, Mrs. Holford, 1, Mrs. Engle, 1, Mrs. T. C. Henry, 1, cash, 1:..... 115 45

"Gathered Fragments Band," per Miss E. M. Grant, Treas.. Miss Lucy W. Merrick, 2, Miss Emilie H. Merrick, 2, Mrs. D. W. O'Brien, 1.... 5 00

Mrs. J. F. Page's coll., Mrs. H. C. Butcher, 5. Mrs. Washington Butcher, 5, Mrs. J. F. Page, 5..... 15 00

CAMDEN AUXILIARY, per Mrs. A. C. Hurlburt..... 14 00

Miss Rachel Wetherill's coll.. Miss Parker, Link, 50c., Miss Carter, Link, 50c., Miss Linnard, 1, Mrs. E. W. Sloan, 1, Miss Pettit, Links, 1.50. Mrs. J. Wilson, Links, 1.50, Miss C. W. Wethcrill, 2, Mrs. Wm. M. Engles, 5, Mrs. Falconer, 5, S. L., Donation, 5, Mrs. Henry Morrison, 1, Mrs. James Palmer, for 1871, 1872, 1873, 6..... 30 00

Through Miss A. M. Kennard, Mrs. Hotchkiss, 1, Mrs. A. A. Bannatyne, 1, for the Missionary Link, 1872–'73, Mt. Vernon Seminary, "Haswell Mission Band," 10 additional..... 12 90

Through Mrs. Dr. B. Griffith, Mrs. S. C. Campbell, 5, Miss M. J. Lewis, 2, Mrs. B. Griffith, 10, Mrs. Lewis Crozer, 20..... 37 00

"Bee-Hive Band," Detroit, Mich., Miss Blanche Wetmore, President..... 75 00

Through Miss Emma L. Patton, Miss Ann Cousty, 1, Miss Kate Wentz, 1, Miss Anna Friend, 1, Miss Emma L. Patton, 1, Miss Kate Howard, 1, Mrs. Ogden, 1, Mrs. Fendall, 1, Mrs. Springs, 1, Mrs. J. W. Patton, 1, Mrs. G. F. Solomon, 1, Mrs. Orlando Crease, 1, Mrs. J. Neafie, 5..... 16 00

Through Miss A. Boardman, Mrs. Henry Perkins, 10, Miss Mary Whelen, 1.50, sub. and for Link.. 11 50

Through Mrs. W. W. Keen, Mrs. Hawkins..... 5 00

Collection by Mrs. E. A. Pierce. Miss M. Cowell, 5, Mrs. L. B. Lessey, 2, Miss M. A. Forsman, 1, Miss M. A. White, 5, Miss A. Wilson, 1, Mrs. James Fenton, 5, Miss A. A. Barnes, 1, Mrs. S. B. Stitt, 5, Mrs. M. Newkirk, 2, Mrs. J. Sibley, 2, four copies of the Link, 2, one copy Kardoo, 75c..... 31 75

Through Mrs. A. F. Lex, Mrs. J. M. Brooks, Annual Subscription, 5, Miss Maggie Hewes, 2.50, gold, premium, 45c..... 7 95

Miss M. A. Longstreth's collection, Mrs. M. Care Lea, for the education of a child named Elizabeth Lea, 30, Miss Frances Lea, 30, R. S. J. Randolph, 5, and for Links, 50c., Alice Ashhurst, 5, and for Links, 1. Helen T. Cope, 5, and for Links, 1, Sallie Wheeler, for Links, 50c.. Caroline W. Lawrence, for Links, 50c., from M. A. Longstreth's pupils for Links, 6, B. T. Longstreth, 1..... 85 00

The donations through Miss Longstreth are for Miss Britton's work in Calcutta.

Total..... $1,311 40

CAROLINE V. B. JONES, *Treas.*

RECEIPTS *of the Albany Branch.*

Mrs. N. B. Miles, for "Link" for two years... ..... 1 00

Miss Douw, being the proceeds of a parlor fair held at her home For Peking Home 600 00

"Grace Church" Band, Utica, by Miss

K. M. C. Johnson, through Miss Douw, for Peking Home..... 20 00
The Proceeds of a Tableaux Exhibition in Albany, under the direction of Miss Brittan and Miss Hurst, for Zenana Mission in India.....130 00
The Gansevoort Reformed Church S. S., through Miss Augusta Melville..... 5 00

$756 00

MRS. FREDERICK TOWNSEND, *Treas.*
ALBANY, May 30, 1873.

REPORT *of Parlor Fair, held in Albany, March 25th, to aid in purchasing an "American Home" in Peking, China.*

To cash—net proceeds from Tables.	$568 00	To cash from Mrs. Fred Barnard, previously acknowledged	$ 10 00
" from Mrs. Collins	10 00	To cash from a friend	2 00
" " Miss Agnes Pruyn	5 00		$610 00
" " Miss McCartee	5 00		
" " Miss M. Jermain	5 00		
" " Mrs. Weidman	5 00		

RECEIPTS *of Chicago Branch from April 4 to May 30.*

Mrs. J. R. Dickinson	1 00	"Westminster Band," for support of Bible Reader in Calcutta: Mrs. H. W. King, 27, Mrs. B. V. Page, 27, Mrs. J. M. Corse, 27	81 00
" J. C. Thaxter	1 00	Mrs. L. B. Boomer	5 00
" O. B. Wilson	5 00	" Palmer Kellogg	10 00
" H. M. Humphry	5 00	Rev. J. Covert	10 00
Easter Offering of Trinity Church Sunday School, for the support of Orphans in Calcutta	80 00	Mrs. Gen. Stager	20 00
Mrs. Guerdon Hubbard	21 00	Sale of Kardoos	5 25
Miss Phebe L. Smith	25 00	Links	6 00
Mrs. G. S. Mead	1 00		$374 20
" M. D. Ogden	5 00	Less expenses for Annual Report, Postage, etc	11 50
" V. C. Turner	5 00		$362 70
" Geo. W. Snow	2 00		
" Reeves	50		
Donation from Christ Church, by Rev. Charles E. Cheney	85 45		

RECEIPTS *of Kentucky Branch.*

Methodist Band, per Mrs. Prettyman.	20 00	Link Subscriptions:	
Bright Hope Band, per Mrs. H. M. Browne. Hadgie Browne, 2 50. All for "Harriet Browne" in Peking, and to make Mrs. Hughes Life Member	45 00 50 00	Mrs. W. W. Waring, 308 First Street, Louisville	50
E. T. Perkins Band, per Mrs. Dexter Hewett	20 00	Mrs. Dr. Prettyman, 283 Seventh St., Louisville	50
Matilda Martin Band, per Miss Alice Armstrong	20 00	Miss Helen M. McDougal, 284 Chestnut Street, Louisville	50
Olive Branch, per Mrs. M. E. Crutcher	20 00	Mrs. L. Diller, 284 West Walnut St., Louisville	50
McCown Band, per Miss Julia Rhorer.	20 00	Mrs. Bettie Grundy, Lebanon, Ky	50
Emily E. Ringgold Memorial, per Mrs. J. H. Rhorer	23 00		$175 50

HALLIE QUIGLEY, *Treas.*

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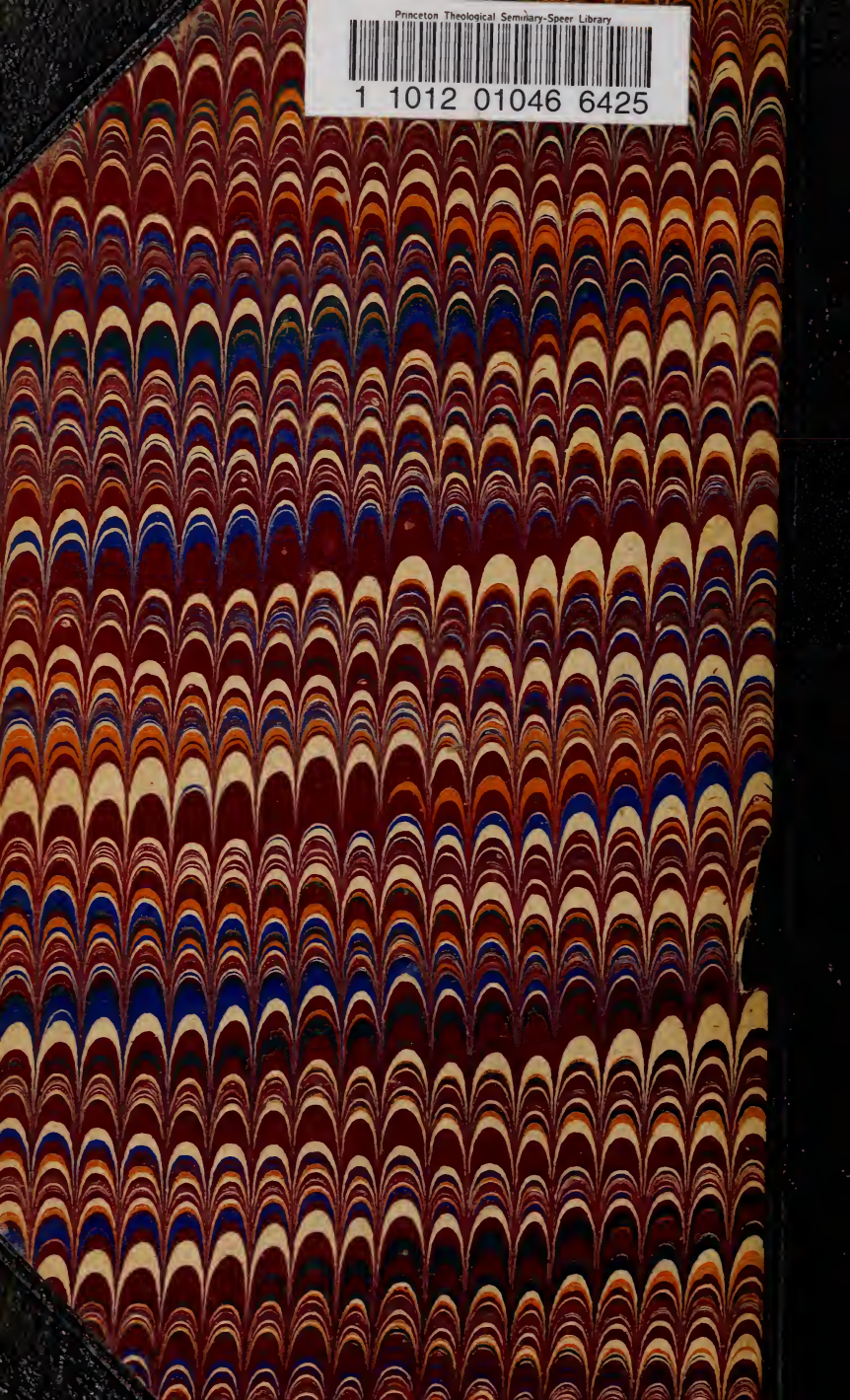
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